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Go After Those Unenrolled Adults

—Five Urgent Reasons

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My recent survey of the new and critical Sunday school situation among Southern Baptists has brought my attention to five urgent reasons for pressing the work in the Adult Departments of our Sunday schools. May I point out these reasons, briefly?

1. Our Biggest Opportunity: Even in normal times, the adults living about our Sunday schools are our biggest opportunity, comprising 56.8 per cent of the entire population. But now, when the armed forces of the nation have taken away 471,000 of our Baptist young people—with a good sprinkle of young adults—the 2,000,000 adult church members, living right around our homes and churches, are our only great opportunity. Why are we passing them by?

2. Only Way to Stop Our Losses: Do you know how serious have been our Sunday school losses in the three years of the war? Here is the answer:

In 1941, we lost 36,907 in Sunday school enrollment.

In 1942, we lost 122,538 in Sunday school enrollment.

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More Names Are Written There

In addition to previous lists, the following churches have sent in their June debt offering.

The ideal list should contain the name of every Baptist church in Mississippi.

Association and church:

Marion—Oloh.

Calhoun—Bethany.

Winston—Ellison Ridge.

Walthall—Tylertown.

Rankin—Star.

Wayne—State Line.

Pike—Terry's Creek.

Lee—Sherman.

Union County—Ingomar.

Tate—Senatobia.

Jasper—Heidelberg.

Calhoun—Victory.

Clay—West Point.

Leake—Carthage.

Alcorn—Holly.

Noxubee—Vernon.

Wayne—Liberty.

Lauderdale—Oak Grove.

Jasper—New Concord.

Holmes—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gilmer.

Simpson—Mendenhall.

Hinds—Warren—Vicksburg First.

Rankin—Puckett.

Itawamba—Union Grove.

Jones—Shelton.

Marion—Improve.

Mississippi—Hebron.

Newton—Pleasant Hill.

Scott—Morton.

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BEHIND BARBED WIRE WITH WAR PRISONERS

(In this last installment of the story on prisoners of war in our country we see an enlightening interpretation of the whole war prison situation. The invasion has probably increased the prison population, and the problem in the future will grow increasingly. Our government deserves credit for the manner in which the men behind barbed wire are handled. We hope the series has been helpful to our readers. We thank the magazine, "Missions," and its editor, Dr. Wm. B. Lippard, again for the permission to use the story.—Editor's note.)

America's Wise Policy

How easy it is to jump to the conclusion that this is a needless and unjustifiable expense. Yet only a little reflection is required to realize how wise, economical, and far-sighted is this policy of bringing these prisoners here. There are four reasons in its support. In the first place, the ships which carry lend-lease supplies and United States troops over to Africa and Europe must return relatively empty. So there is no extra expense in filling them with prisoners. In the second place, it is far more economical to intern and feed 140,000 prisoners here than to ship over to Africa miles

of barbed wire, thousands of tons of food and supplies, and an army of guards in order to intern and take care of prisoners over there. In the third place, and this is a powerful argument in support of the army's policy, this enormous supply of men fills a real need in the current American manpower labor shortage. They have performed all kinds of useful and necessary labor. In Indiana they saved the tomato crop. In Iowa they harvested corn. In Oklahoma and Mississippi they constructed a miniature flood control project. I shall never forget the impression as I sat in an army jeep beside a colonel and watched more than a thousand German prisoners march along a road in Mississippi, their deep bass and soaring tenor voices blending in matchless masculine harmony as lustily they sang German folk songs on the way back to the prison camp after a days work. Other prisoners have picked cotton in Texas and dug potatoes in Missouri. Because of American labor shortage in the processing plants in Michigan, probably because thousands of men were lured from them to Henry Ford's gigantic bomber plant at Willow Run, the Michigan grape crop was in danger of widespread spoilage. So hundreds

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IMPORTANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN NASHVILLE

By Walter M. Gilmore

At least nine Southwide committees, and possibly others, met in Nashville, Tennessee, June 13-15 to plan their work for the Centennial year ahead. Everything heads up in the one supreme purpose to make this year the greatest in our history, to crown worthily a century of progress for Christ.

The two major meetings were those of the Executive Committee, June 14, and the Sunday School Board, June 15. The Administrative Committee and the Committee on Co-operation and Enlistment, sub-committees of the Executive Committee, met June 13, as did Committees on Baptist History, Calendar of Coordinated Denominational Activities, World Peace, Evangelism, and the Committee on the Southern Baptist Centennial Convention.

The Executive Committee elected Dr. J. Howard Williams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, for president of the committee, succeeding Dr. Charles W. Daniel, El Dorado, Arkansas. Dr. J. M. Dawson, Waco, was re-elected vice-president, as were Walter M. Gilmore, Nashville, recording secretary, treasurer of the committee and of the Convention, publicity director, and press representative; Dr. Austin Crouch, Nashville, executive secretary; Dr. James E. Dillard, director of promotion.

Committees

There was a considerable shake-up in the appointment of standing committees. Dr. R. C. Campbell, Colum-

bia, S. C., was named chairman of the Administrative Committee; Dr. Frank Tripp, Montgomery, Ala., chairman of the Committee on Co-operation and Enlistment; Dr. Hight C. Moore, Ridgecrest, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangement for next Convention; Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, chairman of Investment Committee; and Dr. Charles W. Daniel, chairman of the Opdyke Scholarships Committee. The committee appointed on transferring the Ridgecrest property to the Sunday School Board is: Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville; George B. Fraser, Washington; John R. Jester, Winchester, Ky.; Dr. Austin Crouch, and Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte.

The Centennial Session

The committee to arrange for the centennial session of the Convention next May 8, in Atlanta, of which Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, is chairman, reported progress. The committee met in Atlanta during the Convention and again in Nashville, June 13. The following committees have been appointed to work out the details (we are giving only the chairmen): Order of Business, Dr. R. C. Campbell; Cinema, J. W. (Bill) Marshall, Richmond; Pageant, Dr. J. E. Dillard, Nashville; Publicity, Dr. F. W. Tinnin, Shreveport; Pilgrimage, Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Memphis; Music, John D. Hoffman, Atlanta; Historical Exhibits, Dr. Ryland Knight, Atlanta.

The general theme of the centennial session will be "Hitherto and

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The Problem of Size Among Baptists

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Sunday School Board

Baptists are facing the problem of size for the first time in their history. This is particularly true of Southern Baptists and Negro Baptists. It will no doubt be true of Russia within a decade.

Along with this problem is the challenge produced by increasing wealth. There has been individuals scattered among us of great wealth but not enough to constitute a group. There was a long period in our history when we were largely composed of the very poor. Then there grew up among us a large middle class. Now we have a third group, the rich. Our level of culture has come up with the increase of popular education.

Some Problems Created By Size

1. The Problem of Loose Fellowship.

Our congregations are so large that personal knowledge and direct contacts of the membership as a whole are impossible. The feel of a big family is fading out rapidly. The strong tie of fellowship and mutual interests is no longer possible.

2. The Problem of the Individual Being Lost in the Multitude.

The appeal and programs of the church do not carry a personal directness. The individual can easily shift responsibilities in his thinking and in musing with his own con-

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Baptists and Post-War Peace

(Dr. J. M. Dawson, committee chairman, urges that every pastor read this article and comment on it to his congregation on Sunday, July 2. Part time pastors are urged to use it the first preaching Sunday.)

The cherished position of Baptists in regard to the separation of church and state demands that we disavow any desire to be officially represented at the peace table, and we challenge the right of any other ecclesiastical group to such representation. We would seek, however, to create in the public mind the acceptance of those ideals and principles which we believe to be in accordance with the teachings of Jesus and fundamental to the welfare of mankind.

We therefore recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention in session in Atlanta, Ga., announce the following principles as being our Baptist interpretation of the teachings and spirit of Christ in relation to the present world situation.

1. We believe that the command of Jesus, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" is a condemnation of the policy of isolation on the part of any nation. No nation is justified in

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Sparks & Splinters

"Dear Dr. McCall: Our debt paying offering at Liberty yesterday was \$220.00. We are glad that we can have a little part in this great cause. This, of course, is in addition to the \$50 we send each month on the debt. —C. M. Day."

From Brother W. L. Meadows, Quitman, comes this word: "Dear Brother McCall: May I express the hope that each and every Baptist church in Mississippi will make a special effort at this time to COMPLETE the payment of all our financial obligations. This can be done easily and should be done quickly. Let us hope and pray for the completion of this program immediately."

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Boyd have moved from Clarke Memorial College to Union, Miss., where they are to service a two-church field, namely New Ireland and Rock Branch. This is a splendid field with a goodly number of progressive and forward-looking people in both churches. Both churches have adopted the Minister's Retirement Plan with the pastor. The New Ireland church is in the midst of building a pastor's home. At a recent worship service \$1224.00 was raised in cash to begin the new pastor's home.

"Dear Brother McCall: Under the leadership of our very efficient pastor our church gave June 18, Sunday night collection to the June debt-paying program which amounted to \$54.00 for which I am mailing check. As you remember our church paid its 1944 Now Club pledge in 1943, but Oloh Baptist Church is in this fight until the debt is wiped out. Our beloved pastor is Rev. V. W. Walley, RFD No. 3, Sumrall, Mississippi. Yours in Christ's service, P. T. Eubanks, church treasurer."

We feel especially grateful to our state leaders who have in the recent weeks visited Pearl River Association. Secretary D. A. McCall led the First church of Picayune in a splendid revival in April and spoke twice to a called session of the association. State Sunday School Secretary E. C. Williams and Miss Carolyn Madison, elementary secretary, were with us for six days of teacher training the last week in March and led in what we thought was one of our best schools. More recently, Secretary Wilds, Miss Lofton, Miss Hill, Miss Mary Dee Wilds, Miss Pearl Caldwell and Mr. Frank Skilton came to the B. T. U. District Association. The attendance of this meeting was good and the program most helpful. The educational, evangelistic and missionary emphasis is already bearing fruit in our association. We feel closer to our leaders and more determined to be loyal to the New Testament program of kingdom building in which they worthily lead.—O. P. Estes.

Osyka: James Albritton, Franklin, La., did the preaching in our revival and did a splendid job of it. He is a Mississippian by birth, and preaches like one. Kenneth Simmons was in charge of the music. We had 14 additions. The outstanding service was the dedication of our beautiful new baptistry, recently built. It was built in honor of Dr. W. M. Biggs. Mrs. Newton gave the beautiful Jordan scene in memory of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Scott R. Varnado.

He does not look it, but according to the June 25 issue of the bulletin of the First Baptist Church of New Albany, Pastor A. B. Pierce was ordained 20 years ago, at Pleasant Hill church, Copiah county. Congratulations!

We regret that we will be unable to publish the news notes concerning Terry's Creek church and its dedication. We received a letter concerning this signed "Reporter." We again remind our readers of the fact that we do not use unsigned communications. We also publish this fact every week on page four. We are glad to have all the news that we can get but we must know the source thereof. If a person does not wish his name used, if he will so indicate, we will hold it in strictest confidence.

"Teachers for Our Time" is a preliminary report of the Commission on Teacher Education of the American Council on Education. In this report the commission itself is speaking. It is addressed itself not merely to those professionally concerned with the education of teachers, but to a wider audience of lay persons whose understanding and support is essential if education is to perform its function well. The commission undertakes to deal with two questions: first, what is the social significance of teaching and teacher education? and second, what are the qualities that should be sought for in teachers who are to guide the nation's young people during the generation that lies ahead? Consideration of this second question required an expression of views regarding the character of our own particular society, the problems with which it must grapple in the foreseeable future, the needs characteristic of its children, and the kind of school that will most effectively aid in its preservation and improvement. This book sells for \$2.00 and may be ordered from the Commission on Teacher Education of the American Council on Education, 744 Jackson Place, Washington 6, D. C.

I am unable to express the pleasure I get out of reading our state Baptist paper. Since I am a Mississippi Baptist, I am sure you can understand why. There is so much here to make one's mind and thoughts wander from things religious until I find The Baptist Record throws me back on the track and helps me steer my life more nearly the way it should go. Often I wonder what Mississippi Baptists are doing and how the churches are progressing, and I find answers to many of my questions when the Record comes.—Harman A. Foster, PhMlc, Headquarters, Commander South Pacific, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Montie A. Davis, wife of the pastor at East Moss Point, recently underwent a major operation at the Baptist Hospital, Jackson. She will be there for several days.

First church Gulfport: We recently observed Church Loyalty Day on Sunday, June 18. At 3:30 p. m., we held our VBS commencement. This was followed by open house where an opportunity was given to sign pledge cards followed by general church fellowship.—Reporter.

A call for Now Club offering envelopes comes from Rev. R. H. Fitzgerald, Russell Baptist Church. He states they are participating in this debt-paying program.

Tutwiler church enclosed a "love" gift of the Juniors of the Daily Vacation Bible school to be applied on the debt-payment program. That is a fine spirit for our Juniors. This offering was sent in by Mrs. J. H. Everett, treasurer of Tutwiler Baptist Church.

The Vacation Bible school of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Lee county, held its commencement on Sunday night, June 11. This was one of the most successful Bible schools we have ever had. The enrollment was 91, with an average attendance of 80 and 86 being the largest number present any one day. The principal was Mrs. H. R. Carter; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Allen Filgo; pianist, Miss Imogene McCarley; superintendent of Beginners department, Mrs. M. M. Anderson; helpers, Mrs. Howard Cozart, Mrs. Roy Harris and Miss Lois Davis; superintendent of Primary department, Mrs. Luther Moore; helpers, Mrs. F. C. Cook, Mrs. M. C. Curtis and Mrs. T. E. Mize; superintendent of the Junior department, Mrs. Hoyle Hester; helpers, Mrs. John Page and Mrs. Reid Porter; superintendent Intermediate department, Mrs. A. W. Price; helpers, Mrs. G. B. Adams and Mrs. Cecil McCauley. The children voted to give their love offering to China relief. The offering amounted to \$11.00.—Miss Lois Davis, reporter.

Baptist Student Union Methods by Dr. Frank H. Leavell, is a revision of the former book of B. S. U. methods, The Baptist Student Union. In all essentials it is a book of methods and analysis of the student work as promoted by Southern Baptists. It is based upon those principles which govern Christian work among college students. The price is 40 cents paper and sixty cents cloth. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

Rev. A. V. Faggard, who recently resigned the work at South Laurel in order to accept the pastorate at Clara, says the folk at Clara received him and his family with open arms. The pantry was full, supper cooked, a cow in the barn, a hog in the pen, and chickens in the poultry house. The pastor reports eight additions in the past five weeks. Plans are being made for a new church building.

Many Mississippi churches are sending The Baptist Record to their deacons, Sunday school officers and teachers and W. M. U. and B. T. U. leaders. The cost is only 8 1/3 cents per person per month. These churches feel that informed workers are better workers.

"Evaluation in Teacher Education" by Maurice E. Troyer and C. Robert Pace is a report on the evaluative problems, technique, and procedures encountered in the experience of the Commission on Teacher Education at all stages of the education of teachers. The authors have placed special emphasis on the role of the student in evaluation, on self-evaluation under guidance that is, and on the significance of continuous evaluation from one stage of education to another. The price is \$3.00, and the book may be ordered from The Commission on Teacher Education of the American Council on Education, 744 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.

Charley L. Sandifer has accepted the position of associate pastor of Griffith Memorial church, Jackson. L. W. Ferrell is pastor.

Sunday School Superintendent Perry Roberts of Bogue Chitto church, Pike county, writes enthusiastically of the leadership of their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Elliott. There have been 13 baptisms recently.

Newton: We had six additions Sunday and three the Sunday before. Our Christian education offering will be over \$250. This will be divided between the Now Club and Clarke College. I preached at Cross Roads yesterday afternoon and took an offering for the Now Club.—R. A. Morris.

W. A. Elliott, pastor of Bogue Chitto church, Pike county, recently preached in a two weeks' revival at Selma, Ala. There were 21 additions.

Russell: We voted yesterday to send \$25.00 for the June special offering. We have just completed a good Vacation Bible school under the leadership of Miss Arlene Conner. She was assisted by Mesdames Woodrow Barnes, Jim Barnes, R. O. Johnson, Hightower Reid and R. L. Wallace. The enrollment was 40 and the average attendance 37 and there were 33 certificates awarded. The offering amounted to \$3.87 and was sent to the Orphans' Home. There were eight professions of faith.—R. H. Fitzgerald, pastor.

I have resigned Liberty Hill and Mt. Hebron churches where I have had half time each.—H. F. Faires, Corinth.

Pearlhaven: We recently closed a Vacation Bible school, with a record attendance. We had 108 enrolled with an average attendance of 94. Our school was conducted at night so that many of our people who worked could assist in the school. The time was 6-9 p. m. We liked the time very much.

Pearlhaven: On Monday, July 3, J. Earl Bryan of Immanuel church, Hattiesburg, will come to our church to lead in a revival. Troy Prince, associate pastor at Brookhaven, will lead in the music.—A. E. Blankenship, pastor.

Calvary, Tupelo: Our Vacation Bible school, June 12-23, enrolled 112. The average attendance was 96. The pupils voted to give their offering of \$28.75 to our debt-paying drive of this month.—Miss Ora Slocum, secretary.

Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg: Barney Walker preached confidently and fearlessly the riches of the Gospel in our church. Many times during the meeting he would remark, "Somebody has been praying for this meeting." We would think of the three weeks our church spent in prayer, and prayers offered up from many parts of the globe by our soldiers of freedom. A great number of Christian people reconsecrated themselves and rededicated their lives to the Master. There were twenty-seven additions to the church by letter and profession of faith in Christ. The prayer services were well attended, the number averaged about 60 each evening.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Mrs. Dan A. Gaines, Jackson; Rev. David T. Cranford, Charleston; Rev. M. Glenn Smith, Goss; Rev. P. D. Walker, Mobile, Ala.; Rev. Joe Hagler, Jackson; L. M. Henderson, State Line; Rev. Montie A. Davis, Moss Point; Chap. Major C. Waldrup, Hot Springs, Ark.; Rev. A. V. Faggard, Clara, and Rev. W. H. Wood, Brandon.

Shiloh Baptist Church, Lawrence county, raised \$200.00 yesterday to help her sister Wanilla build God a house.—R. B. Green, D. D. S.

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publicly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

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As a State Mission project we are now in the process of sending out 140,000 Gospel tracts. Some will be read, some will be thrown away. Some will be remembered. Some will be forgotten. It is the Word of God. It is our business to scatter it. The story is found in Matthew 13. A church treasurer writes this office as follows: "Thanks for the literature sent me. I am sending it to my son in the army at Camp Blanding, Florida. He says he enjoys reading it, and that he is passing the tracts on to his buddies, and they are passing them on throughout the camp."

Such statements keep us working at the task.

II

He is sustained by a glorious hope: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. "Even though his body is decaying, his real self is being renewed daily; therefore he faints not." John Quincy Adams met a friend one day who said, "Good morning, and how is John Quincy Adams today?" "Thank you," was the ex-President's reply, who was then eighty years of age, "John Quincy Adams himself is well, quite well, I thank you. But the house in which he lives at present is becoming dilapidated. It is tottering upon its foundation. Time and the seasons have nearly destroyed it. Its roof is pretty well worn out. Its walls are much shattered and are trembling with every wind. The old tenement is becoming almost uninhabitable, and I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it soon. But he himself is well, quite well."—Tarbell's Sunday School Notes.

III

GREAT CONSEQUENCES

Many students of world affairs believe that China would not be our ally in the present World War had it not been for the Christian enterprise. Little could those who had to do with the conversion and training of young Charley Soong have realized that they were shaping the future of the world, and its most populous land in particular. Charley Soong, who was first the mission worker and evangelist, and then the hymn book publisher, did a lot for China himself, and his wife was truly a mighty Christian and a power in prayer—but they were to shape world affairs through two of their daughters. One became the wife of Sun Yat Sen, the father of the Chinese Republic, and the other, the first lady of China, whom we all love and admire, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. Oh, what a difference it made when Charley Soong found Christ, and became a new creature in Him! Can you think of what it would mean if China were not our ally in this war? The millions of Chinese who have given their lives have saved the lives of American boys thereby—and this is only a by-product of the missionary enterprise in China. The great result is the saving of eternal souls and the founding of the church. Great missionaries like Robert Morrison and Hudson Taylor laid the groundwork. The latter wrote in his journal on the day he was ordained, "A day never to be forgotten. I was this evening solemnly ordained to the ministry of the Gospel among the heathen. Oh, that the engagements of the evening may be sanctified in heaven." And Hudson Taylor had begun a life that would mould the world.—The Presbyterian.

IV

"HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN IT?"

(An address delivered over the "The Church in Thy House" radio program, WSB, Atlanta, by Dr. Ryland Knight, pastor Second Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta.)

Scripture—A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. Luke 10:30-34.

There is much in human nature that I can easily understand. I can understand why a man should be selfish. "I made this; I need it; why should I give it to somebody else?" I can perfectly well understand why a man should believe in safety first. "Why should I not look out for myself? Why should I 'stick my neck out'? Why should I go around risking my life for somebody else?" I can perfectly understand why, when a man is wronged, he wants to get even; he wants to have revenge. There is nothing particularly strange about that. But here is something that is not easy to understand, not so easy to explain: Why are men unselfish? Why was it that when one thousand busy men and women of Atlanta were asked last month to give their time and effort to solicit money for the Red Cross, they eagerly responded with smiles on their faces, gave hours of time to that task? Why were the people of Atlanta willing to give a million dollars of their money? Why this unselfish outpouring of hundreds of thousands of dollars?

Why is it that men, real men, take a motto like "Safety First," and tear it to shreds and trample it under their feet, and go out to fling their lives away in some high and hazardous undertaking for human welfare? Why do they do that? Professor Eastman, in his volume, "Men of Power," tells the story of how the great scientist, Louis Pasteur, often conducted his experiments at the gravest risk to his own life. When someone commented upon the courage such a course required, the famous scientist's simple reply was, "What about duty?"

Why are men like that? It is easy to understand the priest and the Levite going by on the other side. They did not know the man who had been robbed; they did not wish to become involved in some criminal trial. They were busy. It was not their affair. It is easy to understand that. But the Good Samaritan—how are you going to explain him? How will you explain that foreigner going out of his way, paying for the necessities of the wounded man at the inn? How will you explain—

"A picket frozen on duty, a mother starved for her brood
Socrates drank the hemlock
And Jesus on the rood.

"And millions who, humble and nameless, the straight, hard pathway trod?"—

I glory in them. I thank God for them. The marvel of goodness.

Of course, if you want to see goodness at its best, you go to the Carpenter of Nazareth who was so gracious that one trying to describe him said, "He went about doing good"; who was so helpful to others in sorrow and distress that they said, "Himself took our sicknesses and bear our diseases"; who so scorned the idea of "safety first" that His enemies said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save"; whose heart was so full of good will, even for those who nailed Him to the cross that in that hour of agony He, looking at them, saw their mocking faces, and then prayed, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

There is something in human nature that will not be satisfied with meanness; that will not be content with less than living at one's best. This story is told of Leonardo Da Vinci, who painted that remarkable picture, "The Last Supper." When he came to paint that picture he had an enemy, a man who had wronged him. He decided to take revenge on his enemy. He painted the enemy's face as Judas, so that when men saw the picture they would see that the face of Judas was the face of this enemy. Then he painted the other disciples. Last of all he painted Jesus. But he discovered that he could not paint the face of Jesus; it would not work. And finally he came to realize that as long as there was revenge in that picture, as long as the face of Judas was the face of this enemy, he could never paint the face of Christ. So he changed the face of Judas. He went out and hunted up his enemy and was reconciled to him; then he went back to his studio and painted the picture of Jesus, and so finished the picture that has caught and thrilled the hearts of people throughout the centuries.

There is something divine in us which can never be content as long as we harbor in our hearts, evil, selfishness, hate, greed; something in us which can only be content when we are striving after the finest, the noblest, the best.

—The Christian Index.

V

A fine group of young people held an all-day service at Florence, Rankin county. Miss Nell Taylor is the leader, though her sister, Mrs. Willis Brown, was in charge while we were there. An excellent dinner was served. Dr. R. B. Gunter is the pastor.

We were privileged to be at Yazoo City in a somewhat unusual program. The women of W. M. U. planned a Stewardship Day on Sunday, and we were glad of the opportunity to speak at the morning hour. The congregation filled the place of worship and a very fine spirit was in evidence. Dr. and Mrs. Brame have proven to be outstanding leaders through the years. We were happy to enjoy the fellowship of their home at the noon hour.

We regret being unable to attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Denominational Calendar Activities which meeting was scheduled for Nashville, June 13th. We have been in the grip of a severe cold for about six weeks and felt it best not to take the hard train trip, and at the same time, expose others. The members of this committee are: W. Morris Ford, C. J. Allen, J. B. Lawrence, T. B. Maston, Chas. E. Maddry, T. J. Watts, Miss Kathleen Mallory, Frank H. Leavell, Lawson Cooke, Louis J. Bristow, and D. A. McCall.

A READER ASKS SOME QUESTIONS

Our State Legislature, I am informed, has passed a law taxing violators to the state liquor law. Does that make the state an accessory after the fact? After collecting the tax, does the state prosecute these violators on prima facie evidence?

(Editor's note: No. We understand that this evidence cannot be used against bootleggers.)

It is hoped that the legislature will not become consistent and also impose a revenue-producing tax on violators of other state laws, such as the laws against murder, robbery, rape, prostitution, and the like.

Taxing persons for breaking laws confuses people who are not politicians. Somehow, they get the idea, whether true or false, that the taxa-

HE GETS IT

Many pastors hesitate to recommend sending The Baptist Record to their men in the service for fear they will not reach the addressee. The letter quoted below from a soldier somewhere in England should convince them.

"Please change my APO number to 152 on The Baptist Record. Will certainly look forward to receiving The Baptist Record. It has followed me every week since I have been in service. Believe me, I need it now more than ever.

"Sincerely your friend,
"Herschell George."

tion in some way lends sanction to the violation.—Frank E. Skilton, Blue Mountain.

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1. The Cooperative Program.
2. The Now Club.
3. A summer assembly.
4. A State Brotherhood secretary.
5. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
6. A worker at Whitfield.
7. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
8. A full-time Indian worker.
9. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
10. At least ten enlistment pastors.
11. Enlarged soldier work.
12. Chinese worker.
13. Associational missionaries
14. Mississippi Baptists out of debt.
15. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.
16. The Baptist Record in every home.

WE APOLOGIZE TO ALL PARCHMAN PRISONERS

We think every person who in
any way aided in the so-called
Black Market Law owes an
apology to the convicts at Parchman.

There are approximately 3,000
prisoners at Parchman. They
were sentenced for various
crimes. All were charged with
doing something illegal. No
doubt they feel mistreated and
we share that feeling. If it is all
right for lawbreakers to smooth
their path by paying 10% of their
receipts to the State of Mississippi
why not grant the same privilege
to all lawbreakers, those at
Parchman and those at large?

The plea is that in some places
the law is not enforced. Others
cry that some people will sell and
buy whiskey regardless of prohibition laws. Quite true! But it is also true that some people will steal. If we are to allow the bootleggers to pay at the rate of ten per cent let's be consistent and tax stealing at the rate of ten per cent.

Three young men were re-

cently sentenced to 100 years each for robbing the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Jackson. Some reports estimate their loot at \$1,500. But had they illegally sold \$1,500 worth of whiskey the State of Mississippi would only have expected a tax of \$150. But they got 100 years. What they did was illegal, what the bootlegger does is illegal. Oh! Consistency thou art a virtue!

A Jackson man was recently given two years for illegal operation of a lottery. But the State of Mississippi taxes the illegal sale of whiskey at ten per cent. No doubt this man feels that he got an unfair deal. If it is all right to tax the ILLEGAL sale of whiskey at the rate of 10% why not allow this man to pay 10% of his illegal lottery receipts?

It is also true that murders have been committed since the dawn of history, although murder is illegal. If laws prohibiting murder have not entirely eliminated this practice and as they say, "People will commit murder regardless of law" where is the justice in sentencing many murderers to Parchman but accepting 10% from the bootleggers? Would it not be just as fair to them as it now is to the bootleggers to estimate the value of the murdered person's life and accept 10% of that amount from the murderer as compensation in view of the fact that laws prohibiting murder have not entirely eliminated killings?

Certainly the bank robbers at Parchman feel that they have been gypped. They probably think that if the bootleggers can pay 10% that they should have the same privilege. Bank robbery is illegal but somehow laws against it have not entirely done away with such crimes. Bootlegging is also illegal.

Does any of the above sound foolish and silly? Probably so, but no more unreasonable than the so-called Black Market Law passed by the last session of the state legislature.

This law places a tax of ten per cent on Black Market transactions. How in the name of high heaven can anyone advocate a tax on a thing that is illegal?

If a thing is illegal it is illegal. A rotten apple is rotten even though it has several coats of red paint over the rotten spot.

This law is simply an entering wedge. The next session of the legislature will see an effort to repeal our prohibition laws. It is already being talked. Those who "put over" the Black Market Law seem to be divided into two classes—those who want whiskey selling legalized and those who let the above crowd pull the wool

over their eyes.

But the claim is made that the payment of the ten per cent tax on ILLEGALLY sold whiskey does not relieve the guilty party of the penalty. You will probably be sprouting angel wings before you hear of one such person being prosecuted.

Instead of a law taxing that which is ILLEGAL we need better law enforcement. It may be true that some liquor will always be sold but open and flagrant violations are largely the result of lax or no enforcement.

The list of bootleggers who have bought a license (the U. S. government calls them tax stamps, but a skunk stinks regardless of what you call it) is open to the public and to every law enforcement officer.

We also call attention to the large number of sentences which read somewhat as follows, "Two years in jail or Parchman and a fine of five hundred dollars, with the jail sentence and four hundred dollars of the five hundred suspended." In other words the guilty bootlegger got a fine of \$100. In many instances everything is suspended except \$25. Most of such a fine will be replaced by the profits on one or two nights sales.

Wherever we go, people are kidding us about Mississippi's law taxing that which is illegal. We try to be loyal to Mississippi but on such occasions all we can do is blush and bear it. We are ashamed of the Black Market Law which accepts 10% from bootleggers for that which is illegal.

EASY MONEY

June is about gone. All June Sundays are. But some of our Mississippi Baptist debt is still with us.

To date special offerings and Now Club payments during June which have been received in the office of Dr. McCall amount to \$23,048.30. This is a helpful sum but it would be better to receive an amount large enough to enable The Baptist Record to run a streamer across page one reading, "MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE OUT OF DEBT."

As one Baptist to another, without any authority but simply with the hope of helping, may we make some suggestions?

1. Many churches for various reasons failed to take the offering in June. But a July dollar has 100 cents just as does a June dollar. If you failed to take the June offering, take it in July.

2. Many churches took the offering in June, but have not sent it in. Right now, send it in. The

sooner it reaches the Convention Board office the sooner it can be used to pay some of our debt.

3. Many churches have not yet sent in enough to enable them to reach their quota. Let's try to reach our quota. And right now is a good time.

4. Some churches have already paid their quota. But when those quotas were made, prices and wages were not as high as they are now. Many churches are well able to pay twice their quota. Pay some more and be proud of it.

We are on the way out of debt. But the last few thousand dollars will be the hardest. But with consecrated help from all consecrated Baptists the last few thousand will be easy.

And remember, one dollar paid now equals \$1.31 paid at the maturity date of our bonds.

LET'S GET OUT OF DEBT.

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A REASONABLE REQUEST

On another page will be found an article, "Baptists And Post-War Peace." This is a copy of a report made by the Committee on Post-War Planning to the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. A few days ago we received a telegram from Dr. J. M. Dawson, chairman of this committee, requesting that this report be printed, that every pastor be urged to read it to his people and comment thereon. This committee has worked hard and given much thought to this matter and we trust that our pastors will show their appreciation by doing as requested by Dr. Dawson.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

"WELL, IT WAS QUITE A PARTY"

This was the subhead of Westbrook Pegler, writing under the heading "A Capital Affair" in the Nashville Tennessean of February 17, 1944, and describing a party in Washington on Sunday night before. Mr. Pegler quoted from Evelyn Peyton Gordon in the Washington Daily News, Monday, February 13. She was quoted as saying: "If the movies had portrayed it as Washington, the mass of the people would have screamed, 'how overdone!'"

Mr. Pegler said: "Mrs. Gordon was covering a large party of the kind known in the social slang of the national capital as a drinking." Further, Mrs. Gordon was quoted as follows:

"The biggest hotel in town, the biggest ballroom, the most elaborate buffet, the most modernistic lighting, the most subtle music. Well, it was quite a party. At first I thought it was going to be a celebration by the 'nation within a nation,' namely Texas. Because the host was Bascom Timmons, who is from Texas, and the

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guests included among the 1,500, Speaker Sam Rayburn, Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones and Senator Tom Connally.

Found the Answers

"Then I took another look at the whip-end of the receiving line and I knew all the answers. There stood the handsome and much discussed Marshall Field and his very pretty wife. Perhaps these two people were the most inconspicuous 'guests' at the reception. But, after all, it was Mr. Field's party. There was vast surmise as to how much the reception cost. Some said for a fact \$10,000. Others were sure it was only \$3,500."

Mrs. Gordon was quoted further as saying, "There was Scotch whisky for 1,500 guests and every other drink a dream could muster."

Among other comments, Mr. Pegler said the following: "Mr. Timmons is the distinguished Washington correspondent of Mr. Field's Chicago newspaper, The Sun, and the stated purpose of the drinking was to honor two other Field journalists, Mr. Charlie Gridley, president of the Gridiron Club, and Mr. Sam O'Neal, president of the National Press."

"And others among those present, mentioned by the society specialist, were Donald Nelson of the War Production Board, Admiral King and two learned justices of the supreme court, Stanley Reed and Robert Jackson, and their ladies."

Remember that the party was thrown on the evening of the Lord's Day! That day was desecrated! There was drinking, though it is not reported whether or not anybody got "tipsy." But what a scene for Sunday night—or any other night, for that matter! Livingston T. Mays has handed Baptist and Reflector a vigorous article relative to the party, from which we reproduce certain extracts:

"Boasting like Belshazzar and his thousand lords and concubines in the imagined security of Babylon, fifteen hundred of the lords of America . . . all forgetful of the tens of thousands dying in Italy . . . with boys dying in the Pacific islands, with the American people called on to make sacrifice of every luxury and of necessities even to help win the war, threw a party in Washington City.

"Here we have 'the four estates' of government enjoying the feast, or shall I say the 'drink,' Congress, supreme court, President's cabinet, and 'the fourth estate,' the press. Quite representative of American leadership. Such as these give out orders for all Americans to save tin cans to 'help win the war.' A ship loaded with beer in cans made out of this tin has just gone across the Pacific to (as such men say) 'keep up the morale' of our soldiers."

Mr. Pegler says that the party on Sunday night, February 13, appears to have been "lily white." But Mr. Mays says concerning another party: "The same week a great party was thrown in Washington City with powerful representatives of America's rulers present; C. I. O. leaders, society leaders, business leaders, members of Congress and Senate, America's First Lady, where there were 'equal numbers' of Negro men and Negro women, white men and white women, singing as they danced on the same floor,

BAPTIST PASTOR IS FIRST U. S. CHAPLAIN IN RUSSIA

An American Air Base in Russia (By Wireless to RNS)—A Baptist pastor from Higham, Mass., is the first United States Army chaplain in Soviet Russia. He is the Rev. Clarence G. Strippy, formerly minister of a church in the Boston suburb and now attached to the Eastern Command of the U. S. Air Forces. His job is to travel to and from American bases set up in various parts of the Soviet Union. He spends three days in each center, holding services for Protestant and Jewish soldiers, and assisting Catholics to organize their own devotions.

The diminutive 39-year-old clergyman—he is a mere five-feet-four and weighs 133 pounds—has an imposing list of "firsts" on his service record. He was the first U. S. chaplain in Bagdad, the first to hold religious services for the American Army in the Syrian desert, the first to welcome American WACs to his station in England, and the first to give orientation lectures to American service women abroad.

When newspaper correspondents first arrived at this base, they saw a wiry, sun-tanned American leading a crowd of United States and Russian soldiers in the singing of "Tipperary." The scene was an open-air theatre built by the Russians.

"Who's the man leading you fellows?" a correspondent asked an American lieutenant. The officer turned in surprise.

"Why, that's our 'chappie.' Our chaplain, you know. The best man in the camp."

Much of Chaplain Strippy's work is to bring his "boys" and the Russians into close friendship. One commentator, impressed by the chaplain's activities, described him as a "one-man service department." He has made music his hobby, and has been keenly interested in athletics since his student days in Mercer College, Ga., and the Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Center, Mass.

'Just Let Me Call You nWyatbBfo'. 'Just Call Me Sweetheart.'

Dr. Mays adds: "How can we hope for God to help us win the war? How the morale of the American people to be high when they set such wild ex-can Washington City leaders expect amplex? It behooves all Christian patriots to speak out and protest against such orgies, barbaric orgies, while we are fighting to save civilization from barbarism."

For the benefit of the men in the service, who might be adversely affected should they read this and who are often in their letters sounding a deeper spiritual note than civilians are sounding as a rule, we would like to say that not all Americans are like those who have been described and under discussion, Mr. Pegler concludes not all our leaders are like them. prayer.

orgies and who are joining you in There are those who, like you, avoid his article with surpassing, biting irony, whose point can hardly be missed:

"And the cost of the drinking was somewhere between \$3,500 and \$10,000.

"Buy war bonds!"

SANDRA

Whereas, Sandra Alice Bailey has departed this life; and

Whereas she had endeared herself to the people who knew her, and Whereas she was a member of the Briar Hill Baptist Sunday school, and an attendant upon the services of the church,

Be it, therefore, resolved by the Briar Hill Baptist Church that,

We extend to her mother, Mrs. Mary Cobb Bailey, and to her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor, our deepest sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement, and commend them to Him whose grace is all sufficient for every trial, and

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the mother, to the foster parents, and to The Baptist Record.

Briar Hill Baptist Church, By R. B. Gunter, pastor.

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FLOATING BOAT CARRIES RELIGION TO ISOLATED AREAS

Baton Rouge, La.—A novel experiment in bringing the word of God to remote fishermen and trappers in South Louisiana's Atchafalaya river basin has now rounded out five years under the guiding hand of a young Baptist missionary, the Rev. Ira Marks.

First step in shepherding a scattered people, mostly illiterate, was to build the Little Brown Church, a well-constructed floating boat which putters in and out of a network of bayous and other streams to reach them.

The Baptist pastor is bringing not only spiritual aid, but health benefits and schooling. He has erected a modern clinic which has saved many lives and is improving the living standards of the people in the iso-

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Rocky Springs (Yazoo)	23	
Goodwater (Simpson)		
(June 18)	45	
New Hope (Sunflower)	77	63
Cross Roads (Webster)	95	55
Ramah (Franklin)	100	64
Gum Grove (Lincoln)	165	32
Pinola	37	28
New Albany	425	120
Bogue Chitto (Pike)	92	
Hardy	104	
West Side, Natchez	120	66
Bowmar Avenue	127	54
Olive Branch	73	47
Parkway Jackson	387	102
Enon (Panola)	54	39
Center (Union)	73	79
Wallerville	82	49
Crystal Springs	350	101
Marion (Lauderdale)	37	39
Ellison Ridge (Winston)	103	
Louisville	349	53
Clarke-Venable	162	60
Griffith Memorial	460	218
Calvary Jackson	764	195

lated area.

In addition to the floating church, small missions have been set up along the route where circuit pastors who have substituted the small out-board motor boat for the horse hold regular services.

The missionary organization is called the Atchafalaya Baptist Hospital and Missions and is supported by donations, both from the people served and from generous benefactors from other areas.

Outstanding Baptist pastors of the state are being invited to conduct revivals at the various missions and on the picturesque floating church.



MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Your heart will join ours in a doxology as together we study the growth and development in our Mississippi Baptist life as follows:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' PROGRESS IN MISSISSIPPI

ITEMS	1919-1944	1944	25 years
	1919		Gains
Churches	1,508	1,571	63
Baptisms	4,087	11,692	7,606
Church Members	172,288	307,817	135,529
Sunday Schools	919	1,411	492
Sunday School Enrollment	75,492	140,298	64,606
B. T. U. Organizations	480	2,453	1,973
B. T. U. Enrollment	11,500	39,069	27,569
W. M. U. Organizations	813	1,911	1,098
W. M. U. Enrollment	15,440	36,917	21,477
W. M. U. Contributions	\$ 26,883	\$ 240,100.00	\$ 213,217.00
Value Church Property	\$2,935,319	\$10,421,123.00	\$7,485,804.00
Gifts to Local Work	\$ 539,875	\$ 2,195,351.00	\$1,655,476.00
Gifts to Missions and Benevolences	\$ 202,120	\$ 745,505.75	\$ 543,385.75
Total Gifts, all Purposes	\$ 741,995	\$ 2,856,040.00	\$2,114,045.00



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Mrs. Janie Lowrey Graves

Another great Mississippi woman has passed on to her reward this week in the person of Mrs. Janie Lowrey Graves. Just a few days ago her illustrious brother, Dr. W. T. Lowrey, laid down the cares of this world and went home. What an abundant entrance into the presence of their Redeemer and how rich were their rewards.

In the year 1933, Miss Blanche White in Home and Foreign Fields gave us this rich tribute to Mrs. Janie Lowrey Graves. We give you the privilege of re-reading it.

A Dialogue Concern "An Estimable Lady"

My newest leaflet and my oldest mission study book found themselves side by side in my bookcase. The newest leaflet, "Christ in Every Home" (published for the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society), with the venturesome spirit of youth introduced itself and volunteered to tell the story of Lee Park Lin.

"Just another baby born in San Francisco's Chinatown," the newest leaflet began. "No one but his mother would have dreamed such possibilities were wrapped up in his wee personality, but Lee Park Lin had a very good and a very wise mother. When the boy was seven she decided it was quite time to begin his education, and brought him to the little Baptist Mission, two rooms in a tenement house. Mrs. Graves, the teacher, was deeply interested in this bright lad."

With the privilege accorded to old age, my oldest mission study book, A Decade of Foreign Missions, by Tupper, interrupted just here. "Why, I remember all about that," he rumbled. "It was in the 1881 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention that conversation was had with Mrs. J. L. Sanford, daughter of the late General Lowrey, of Mississippi, who was anxious to devote herself to work among the heathen. In conference with the corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board (S. B. C.) it was thought well that she should go to California. The Convention gave their approval, and the estimable lady was appointed by the Home Board to labor among the Chinese of San Francisco."

Opening the doors of the book—I interrupted the dialogue, which seemed to have become a monologue, for the newest leaflet and the oldest mission study book were discussing one of the dearest of "my missionaries"—Mrs. Janie Lowrey Graves.

The girl, Janie Lowrey, longed to do missionary work, but dared not aspire to the humblest place among the great ones of the Kingdom. Later, she surrendered herself to the Lord who had called her to this special service, believing that He was able to make her fit to do His will. All she dreamed concerning the character and strength of missionaries, God has given us in her. Beauty of soul, gentleness of spirit, perfect sympathy and love,—one word presents a picture of her,—"Christlike."

After six' years ministry to the Chinese in California, Janie Lowrey was appointed by our Foreign Missions Board to Canton, China. In 1890 she was married to that greatest of Southern Baptist pioneers, Dr. Roswell H. Graves. God did not give them children of their own, but Mrs. Graves has mothered the missionaries and Chinese with a rare devotion. For years she served as principal of Pool To Academy for Girls, and now, seventy-nine years of age, she serves as principal of Mo Kwong Blind School. As she guides the groping hands of these pitiful girls into self-respecting, self-supporting work, she guides their timid, yearning souls into "The Way." The satisfaction which she finds in this beautiful labor among the blind is more complete because the Blind School is not a drain upon the treasury of our Foreign Mission Board, but is supported by the students and alumnae of beloved Blue Mountain College, from which she was graduated in 1875, in which she taught four years, founded by her noble father, and presided over these almost fifty years by her sister, Mrs. M. P. L. Berry.

But I'll give place again to my newest leaflet, who is anxious to complete his story of home missions which was strengthened by the foreign missionary, whose missionary labors began in Northern Baptist Convention territory under the appointment of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"At the age of thirteen," the newest leaflet continued, "Lee Park Lin joined the United States Navy, where he served for fifteen years. During this period of wandering the boy was kept under Christian influence through the letters and prayers of his missionary teachers. When twenty years old, he joined the church in spite of his father's opposition."

"In 1898, while on a trip to China, Lee Park Lin visited Mrs. Graves, his first teacher, who was then principal of the Pool To School for girls. Here the young man met one of the students, a fine Christian girl, who became his wife. Her father, Chan Muy Tuk, was a physician and the first Christian evangelist doing missionary work in Hongkong."

"Through the years Mrs. Lee has been a wonderful companion and help to her husband and the center of their fine Christian home. In 1902 when she joined her husband in San Francisco, she at once became interested in helping the women and girls of Chinatown. Opening a little school for girls of twelve years and over, Mrs. Lee taught sewing, Chinese embroidery, and lessons from the Bible. Even though contrary to Chinese custom, girls attended this school in ever increasing numbers, and many were influenced to come to Sunday school and church."

"In 1908 the Lee family moved to Tucson, Arizona, where Mr. Lee was employed as interpreter in the United States Immigration Service, a position which he still holds. They soon

joined the First Baptist Church, in which Mr. Lee was deacon for ten years. Always eager for the welfare of their countrymen, the Lees soon discovered there were about four hundred Chinese in or near Tucson, for whose spiritual welfare nothing was being done. Due to their suggestions and the co-operation of the pastor and some members of the Baptist church a missionary was sent to work among Orientals and Mexicans in Tucson. As a result of these efforts, a member of Chinese families became Christian and the Chinese now have a church of their own in that city.

"Since returning to San Francisco, the Lee family have been faithful members of the Chinese First Baptist Church. Three of their five children are graduates of the University of California and the fourth will be graduated in 1933. The eldest son is practicing dentistry, the second daughter is studying in a medical college in Philadelphia, the next daughter is also taking a medical course. A cherished dream of the family is to return to China and establish a medical center and clinic to help fill one of China's greatest needs."

Royal Ambassador Camps

Good attendance and splendid spirit characterized the five district junior and state intermediate Royal Ambassador camps, held continuously for three and a half weeks, ending last Wednesday. The northern district groups met near Charleston and Houston, while the older boys from all over the state and the juniors from the south gathered at Clarke College, Newton, for their camps.

Highlights in the days' programs were addresses by missionaries, who inspired the boys to world-wide thinking. Representing our mission boards at the various camps were Drs. C. J. Lowe and Frank Lide of China, Dr. John Allen Moore of Yugoslavia, Brother W. L. Cooper of Argentina, and full-blood Indians Revs. George Wilson and V. J. Zunigha, from New Mexico and Oklahoma, respectively.

Emphasis of the camp theme, "Men for Tomorrow's Task," came in the daily messages by the camp pastors, among whom were Revs. Joel Sturdivant, John Cook, W. L. Compere, Gerald Riddell, Gordon Sansing and Solly Smith. Many of the boys accepted Christ as Savior for the first time at these services.

Present at two junior and the state intermediate camps was Ivyloy Bishop, former state field worker and now southwide R. A. secretary, who was of invaluable assistance in all phases of camp activity, particularly in the recreation. A number of pastors in each district rendered helpful service as counselors and mission study teachers. Two Southern Seminary students, Laurence Saul of Laurel and Howard Walters of Georgia, were permanent members of the camp staff who made important and efficient contributions to the camp program. A number of veteran

campers among the older Intermediates served well as junior counselors in all the camps.

Perhaps the total effect of the camps can be best expressed by quoting a letter to the director from Mr. W. E. Craft of Weir, a fine Christian layman who served as counselor in two of the camps: "... a few years hence we can look at some of these fellows and remember these days at camp. ... They were the beginning, I am sure, for some of the boys, of a great Christian experience that they shall never forget. Those are lives full of the potentialities for good and they will grow into worthwhile men if they can continue to have the proper direction."—John Shepard.

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SOUTHSIDE, McCOMB, EXPERIENCES UNUSUAL REVIVAL

Sunday night, June 18th, brought to a close one of the greatest revivals we have had at Southside in many years.

Rev. B. T. Bishop, pastor of the church at Schlater, Miss., did the preaching. Rev. Bishop was for five years pastor of the Friendship church—five miles east of McComb, where he did such a marvelous work, and as an evidence of the love and esteem in which he was held by the people of Friendship, the people from that church came in droves every night to hear him.

The large auditorium was filled every night, and sometimes extra chairs had to be placed in the aisles in order to seat the people who came.

J. L. Johnson, the choir director, and the large choir and orchestra furnished the music and did an acceptable job.

Twenty-nine additions to the church, a generous offering to the visiting preacher, and at the closing service the church presented the pastor and his wife a check for \$100 as a token of their love and appreciation of their services. This floored the pastor. But he will recover in time to use the money.

Southside is one of the best churches in the state. No, I am not thinking of moving, though I am in my twenty-third year with these good people.—R. R. Jones.

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First church Gulfport received twenty members as a result of the recent revival. Dr. L. E. Green of Pascagoula was the preacher and J. Stanley Armstrong and Mrs. Marshall Grisham directed the adult and children's choirs.

FEEL PEPPY—RELIEVE BACKACHE

DUE TO FATIGUE AND EXPOSURE

Feel like stepping out again by relieving that backache (due to fatigue and exposure). Just rub on some En-ar-co and instantly it begins its four-fold work of helping soothe that back. Pleasant. 60c and \$1 at your druggist. Caution: Use only as directed. National Remedy Co., N. Y. C.



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GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Bluff Springs Sends Nice List

Enlistment Pastor W. E. Greene recently led Bluff Springs church, Pike county, to send a nice list of subscriptions to The Baptist Record. In fact, The Baptist Record is greatly indebted to all the enlistment pastors for much help in attaining its large circulation of more than 41,000 per week.

Pike county Record readers are now listed as follows: BLUFF SPRINGS 8; Bala Chitto 1; BOGUE CHITTO 37; CENTRAL 43; EAST McCOMB 226; FERNWOOD 51; Mt. Zion 3; OSYKA 92; Progress 3; Friendship 11; Holmesville 2; McComb First 66; MAGNOLIA 83; Silver Creek 4; SOUTH SIDE McCOMB 96; SUMMIT 92; TANGIPAHOA 90; TERRY'S CREEK 63; UNION 40, and JOHNSTON 29.

Clarke County Church Joins EVERY FAMILY Group Is Number 745 On List

Mt. Rose church, Clarke county, has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Treasurer J. A. Moore sent a list of 40 names. Clarke county is now one of our leading Baptist Record counties.

Record readers in Clarke county are listed as follows: CENTER RIDGE 24; Crandall 1; ELAM 24; ENTERPRISE 76; HARMONY 41; KNIGHTS VALLEY 15; MT. ZION 21; PA-CHUTA 33; Pine Grove 1; PINE HILL 11; PLEASANT GROVE 16; PLEASANT HILL 14; QUITMAN 100; Rolling Creek 1; SHUBUTA 17; SOUEN-LOVIE 36; STONEWALL 136; DE-SOTO 29; Oak Grove 12; BUCA-TUNNA 22, and MT. ROSE 42.

Smith County Church is EVERY FAMILY Is Number 744 to Adopt EF Plan

Fellowship church, Smith county has joined the growing list of churches to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

J. T. Carter of Summerland, who has gone to Agricola, was pastor when the EVERY FAMILY Plan was adopted.

Record readers in Smith county are now listed as follows: Burns 1; Homewood 9; LEAF RIVER 93; LORENA 34; MIZE 24; Oak Grove 9; Pineville 1; POLKVILLE 29; Raleigh 12; Rocky Hill 13; SYLVARENA 46; TAYLORSVILLE 55; White Oak 5; Wilkerson Memorial 2; Sardis 2; Clear Creek 2; Sharon 1, and FEL-LOWSHIP 30.

Green's Creek is EVERY FAMILY Is Number 742 on List

A new addition to the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is Green's Creek church, Forrest county. This church is near Hattiesburg and is one of our better country churches.

Forrest county Record readers are now listed as follows: BROOKLYN 60; Camp Shelby 13; CENTRAL 53; GLENDALE 43; HATTIESBURG FIRST 480; FIFTH AVENUE 149; 38TH AVENUE 62; Immanuel 2; Mc-Laurin 1; Macedonia 5; MAIN STREET 422; Maxie 1; PETAL 124;

Providence 11; RIVER AVENUE 59; ZION HILL 45; CARTERVILLE 31; DIXIE 20; Calvary 8; and GREEN'S CREEK 50.

Oakland Grove is No. 743

Oakland Grove church, Jones county, realizing the need for information and inspiration has joined the growing list of Baptist Record churches. The pastor is W. E. Bass of Heidelberg and M. L. Blackledge of Rt. 1, Laurel, is treasurer. This makes Jones county almost 100% for The Baptist Record.

Subscribers in Jones county are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH 38; BEACON 69; BETHEL 17; CENTERVILLE 36; COUNTY LINE 40; ELLISVILLE 121; Estabutchie 1; HARMONY 38; FAIRFIELD 65; LAUREL FIRST 428; LAUREL SECOND AVENUE 123; LOWREY CREEK 22; MOSELLE 39; MT. ORAL 27; OVETT 49; PECAN GROVE 22; PINE GROVE 47; SAND HILL 21; SHARON 29; CALVARY 10; FRIENDSHIP 34; SHELTON 43; SOSO 17; SUMMERLAND 41; TUCKER'S CROSSING 14; WEST LAUREL 161; SOUTH LAUREL 41; BETHLEHEM 22; SANDERSVILLE 42; New Bethany 6; INDIAN SPRINGS 54; Pleasant Grove 4; HE-BRON 42; and OAKLAND GROVE 14.

Clarksdale

Things certainly are in high gear at Clarksdale. Dr. Horton was away in a meeting at Hernando and we had the privilege of supplying for him on Sunday morning. We have been to Clarksdale on many occasions and this was the largest crowd that we have ever seen at any regular church service. And no doubt it would have been much larger had the pastor been present. The director of music, Joyce Farmer, has worked wonders with the choir. In fact, they tell us that the church is in the best condition it ever has been. We heard many expressions of appreciation concerning Pastor Horton.

Coahoma county Record readers are now listed as follows: Birdie 3; CLARKSDALE 102; JONESTOWN 23; LULA 31; LYON 46; Union Chapel 1, and ADAMS MEMORIAL 8.

The Name is a Secret

Recently a good layman sent us a list of more than 60 names and his personal check to pay for the Record for three months for this list of names. And we wish we could publish his name but at his request we are withholding it. This will be money well spent and he is going to find that the members of that church will be informed Baptists and informed Baptists are better Baptists.

—BR—

Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans is erecting a five-story dormitory for nurses which will be ready for the January class. The new building will be equipped with elevator, and will accommodate more than 100 additional students.

Dr. Willis J. Ray, superintendent of rural missions for Texas, has been elected secretary of the Arizona Baptist Convention. S. S. Russell has been elected as educational secretary.

Osyka: We are in our Vacation Bible school. It is the first one ever conducted in our church. We are happy to have Miss Catherine Combs, Opelousas, Louisiana, as our efficient principal, and Mrs. J. D. Griffin, of Brookhaven, Mississippi, working in the Intermediate Department. We have 55 enrolled.—Reporter.

At the request of Durham clergymen, the City Council has voted to ban the sale and serving of beer, wines, and other intoxicants on all city-owned property used for recreation purposes. The edict embraces all parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers, but was aimed particularly at stopping the sale of beer at the City Athletic Park, the City Armory, and the Forest Hills Country Club. The ministers had asked that the city pass an ordinance formally prohibiting the sale of beer, wines, and other intoxicants at the recreation areas, but the council decided that the best way to handle the situation would be to refuse the use of the properties to anyone unwilling to sign an agreement that no intoxicants are to be either sold or served.

—N. C. Biblical Recorder.

—BR—

Louisville, Ky.—(RNS)—For the first time in its 85-year history, the Southern Baptist Seminary here has conferred its highest degree (Master in Theology) upon a Negro. He is Garland K. Offutt, who completed his course under the auspices of the Seminary's Negro Extension Department. The Negro graduate is a nephew of Dr. W. P. Offutt, prominent Baptist clergyman in Louisville.

South Side Baptist Church in Meridian closed a very successful Bible school June 16. The commencement was held at the regular preaching hour Sunday evening, June 18. 191 pupils and workers were enrolled during the two weeks. Rev. Blanding Vaughan is pastor.—Ethel McKeithen.



L. R. FIELDSON

HURRICANE CHURCH GOES TO FULL TIME

Hurricane church, Pontotoc Association, has gone to full time, is building a nice brick parsonage and has called L. R. Fieldson as pastor. He and his wife are both natives of Gilbertsville, Ky. He was educated at Union University, Tenn.

Hurricane is a typical set-up for a program of revitalizing a country church. They have a good brick building with Sunday school rooms in the basemen, and some of as good Baptists as are to be found anywhere.

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BEHIND BARBED WIRE WITH WAR PRISONERS

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of prisoners were quietly transported by special train and bus to various jam and jelly plants. Many a jar of jam on an American pantry shelf this winter will likely have come from the plants where these prisoners were employed. In October more than 200,000 tons of fruits and vegetables were about to rot in New York state. The farmers and canning factories in several western New York counties sent frantic appeals to Governor Thomas E. Dewey. He appealed to the army for help. More than a thousand prisoners, captured in Tunisia and Sicily, were shipped to the various plants accompanied by soldiers with machine guns. The proprietors found these prisoners to be "the best workers yet obtained through any government employment service. They seemed happy to have a chance to work at some useful task and to live again almost like civilians. Those who volunteer are paid the prevailing wage scale so as not to inject unfair competition with local labor, but only 80 cents per day is actually paid the prisoner. The balance is kept by Uncle Sam to cover the cost of maintaining the prisoner in the United States. Moreover, all work in which prisoners are employed must be of a non-military character and not related to the nation's war effort. The Geneva Convention, sound ethics, as well as practical realism determine this policy. It would be unfair to expect a prisoner to make munitions that were to be used to kill his own countrymen. And it would be dangerous to employ him in a munitions plant because of the risk of sabotage, as the Germans have discovered many times in Czechoslovakia.

See American Life

The final and fourth reason for bringing these hordes of prisoners here is more intangible and perhaps not immediately recognizable. Yet it is valid and highly important. These 140,000 men are being given a picture of American life, are being furnished an opportunity of seeing how democracy works, and by radios and newspapers and contacts with visitors are forming an entirely new conception of the meaning of America and the American way of life. That will be of vast significance in the building of post-war Europe. All of these men have come from fascist countries. They have been taught that democracy was impotent and soft, that the principle of equality was outmoded, that the rights of the individual as against the rights of the state belonged to yesterday and were valueless and meaningless in the new order of tomorrow that Hitler and Mussolini were setting up in Europe. Now they are having a first-hand experience with democracy. They see how a free people live, how they perhaps too often and too easily take their freedoms for granted, but how inevitably they rise up as one man to safeguard and defend them when they are in danger. When these 140,000 or more men return to Europe, even if only 10% carry back a new conception of democracy and the democratic way of life, that 10% will be an army of constructive ambassadors who will constitute a powerful leaven in building a new order in Europe.

Only Part of a Total Picture

The internment of from 140,000 to eventually 226,000 prisoners of war in

American prison camps is only one relatively small part of a total picture that is always one of the dismal and dreadful features of war. According to an estimate by Herbert Hoover, more than 5,000,000 prisoners of war are today interned in hundreds, perhaps a thousand, prison camps throughout the world. The number actually captured during more than four years of war is probably 8,000,000 because 1,500,000 have died in these camps, perhaps 500,000 have been released or exchanged because of permanent incapacity from wounds or of incurable illnesses contracted in camps, while an unknown number of captured Chinese have probably been mercilessly slaughtered by Japanese. While treatment accorded these prisoners is determined by the Geneva Convention, that agreement was not signed by Russia and the signature of Japan's representatives affixed to it have not been ratified by the Japanese government. The treatment of German prisoners in Russian camps and of Russian prisoners in German camps has caused grave concern and anxiety. Ominous is the implication in the quotation from The Commonwealth.

The fact that we hear so little of German prison camps for Russian prisoners or of Russian camps for German prisoners, coupled with the refusal of the Russian authorities to allow Allied military observers in combat zones, gives rise to the suspicion that on both sides no quarter has more often been the rule than the exception.

Conditions in Japanese camps where English and American prisoners are interned have likewise caused anxiety. In the early stages of the war they were horrible. Enough details have been furnished by survivors of prison camps in Hongkong and occupied China to reveal conditions that can only be described as ghastly. More recently improvements have been reported by the International Red Cross, although the food problem is critical since Americans and Europeans cannot subsist on the rations furnished a Japanese soldier.

Gigantic Problem

Back of all facts and phases of this dismal aspect of the war thus lives a gigantic human problem. The internment behind barbed wire of more than 5,000,000 young men, deprived of normal social relationships, compelled to live for years under conditions that create terrific psychological and moral problems, should be of intense concern to the entire world. "Many of these men in European camps," says a Y. M. C. A. report, "endure in silence the squalor, the miserable food, the sleeping in relays in rat-infested cells, the slow passing of dead days. Many are already sunk in apathy, close to complete moral and psychological collapse. They look upon life as something lost forever." The longer the war lasts, the more difficult becomes the adjustment when these men return home, most of them to shattered towns and cities, to scattered families, and to a prospect of endless misery and poverty. For them the duration will outlast the war. American treatment of prisoners of war is, therefore, prompted by four basic considerations, (1) strict observance of the Geneva Convention, (2) characteristic American decency and fair play

IMPORTANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN NASHVILLE

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Henceforth," as suggested by Miss Blanche Sydnor White, Richmond. The Committee on Order of Business announced that the morning sessions, beginning Tuesday morning, May 8, would be used for the business sessions of the Convention, and that the afternoon and evening sessions would be devoted to features of the centennial celebration, including addresses, pageants, etc., which will be given in Ponce de Leon Park, where the Baptist World Alliance was held, accommodating 50,000 or more people.

Tuesday of Convention week will be designated as History Day; Wednesday, Stewardship Day; Thursday, Missionary Day; Friday, Education Day; Saturday, Evangelism Day; Sunday, Worship Day in the churches of Atlanta and environs; and Monday, Pilgrimage Day—to Augusta, Ga., where the Convention was organized May 8, 1845.

All-Out Evangelistic Campaign

The primary objective to be emphasized during this centennial year is evangelism, with the objective of a million more souls won to Christ. This feature of the centennial program was entrusted specifically by the Convention to the Home Mission Board. Hence Secretary J. B. Lawrence, of the Home Board, Atlanta, called together a number of our Southwide leaders for a conference in Nashville to consider plans for projecting the movement. The group of some thirty representative men and Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of the Southwide W. M. U., expressed themselves as being 100 per cent co-operative in the movement. Dr. Law-

toward an honorably defeated enemy, (3) practical realism in giving no alibi to Germany or Japan for retaliatory harsh treatment, and (4) concern for the post-war reconstruction of Europe.

Toward Building a Better World

For humaneness, decency, and full compliance with the Geneva Convention, America's treatment of prisoners of war thus stands at the top. Neither Japan nor Germany can find the slightest excuse for harsh treatment to the 24,123 Americans who, according to the latest U. S. Army figures, are now prisoners of war. The 150,000 Germans and Italians now here are doubtless envied by the Germans in Russian camps and even by the soldiers still in the German army who must carry on the war until the inevitable, final, bitter defeat. Typical of that feeling of prisoners' joy over their fate is a story out of Sicily. As a regiment of American soldiers was moving up a road they passed a group of German prisoners about to board a transport to the United States. One of them shouted to the passing Americans, "I feel sorry for you! You have come to Italy, but I am going to America!"

That man is now in one of America's 72 prison camps for prisoners of war. And when he eventually returns to Germany, the memory of his experience here should prompt him in fully co-operating in rebuilding Germany along such lines that his sons and his grandsons will not be lured by some later "Fuhrer" into another adventure of world aggression.

Even a prison camp can become a reconstructive agency in the building of a better world and in the creation of a new international order.

(The End)

rence announced that Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport had been asked to get a leave of absence from his great church for a year and lead the movement for Southern Baptists. It is genuinely hoped that this arrangement can be made. All of those present at the conference were enthusiastic in their hope that Dr. Dodd would accept this tremendous responsibility. He is seriously considering it with his church.

A Baptist Prerogative

Baptists claim the right to disagree with their brethren and to express it. In the carefully wrought out detailed plans for carrying out the centennial program, submitted by Dr. J. E. Dillard, there was perfect agreement except at one point, and that was as to how the proposed \$5,000,000 extra centennial fund to be raised next April should be divided. One group felt that since it was the Southern Baptist Convention's birthday we are celebrating, it all ought to go to Southwide causes. While another group contended that since it was a co-operative effort between the state and Southwide agencies, all ought to share in the funds, thereby preserving the spirit of the Co-operative Program. The discussion was characteristic of a Baptist meeting.

GAL 2—Important Committee -----

The upshot of it all was the following compromise: "The receipts from the April offering would be for state and Southwide causes and be divided according to Co-operative Program percentages. It is understood, however, that in view of the Convention's action at Atlanta some states may desire that all of their receipts from the centennial April offering be used for Southwide causes. It is further understood that no preferred percentages shall be deducted before distribution is made."

Dr. Dillard, who is charged with the responsibility of promoting the whole centennial program, will call all the state secretaries and editors of our denominational papers to meet him at an early date to confer about plans in each state and how to execute them. It is a gigantic task before us. We shall need to exercise all the wisdom we can command.

World Peace

Another important committee meeting here was on World Peace, of which Dr. J. M. Dawson is chairman. This committee had a most satisfactory meeting in which they mapped out plans by which it is believed our five and a half million Southern Baptists may register an emphatic insistence on the six principles adopted by the recent Atlanta Convention as desirable for the peace settlement. Foremost among these principles is the demand for absolute religious liberty—freedom of worship and freedom to evangelize and teach to be granted to all people. The pastors of our 25,000 Southern Baptist churches are requested to read the adopted principles in their churches on July 2, and to preach on a righteous and enduring peace.

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In the first five weeks of his pastorate at Sylvester, Ga., Chester M. Savage welcomed 24 additions. The offering for these five weeks totaled \$1,150. In a letter to the editor he states that he preaches to 350 on Sunday mornings, 400 on Sunday nights, and an average of 225 Wednesday nights.

GO AFTER THOSE UNENROLLED

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school enrollment.

In 1943, we lost 97,951 in Sunday school enrollment.

Total in three years, 257,396 in Sunday school enrollment. Now, we know how we lost these Sunday school pupils—over 425,000 out of our Sunday schools are in the armed forces.

Do you know how we could wipe out all these losses, even during war times, and have over 200,000 net gains in Sunday school enrollment by this time next year? Here is the answer: Just go out and get one out of every four of our unenrolled church members living right around our homes and churches. There are 2,000,000 of these; and if we should get one of every four of these, we would have 500,000 new ones to rejoice our hearts!

3. Desperate and Growing Need of Work Among Adults: In 1942, we had 5,367,129 church members—and 2,965,479 of these were not enrolled in Sunday school. Back in 1943 we had 5,493,027 church members—and 3,032,152 of them were not enrolled in Sunday school. And approximately 90 per cent of all these unenrolled church members are adults! When are we going to do something about this great, desperate, and growing need?

4. Adult Departments Losing Ground: And, while the need grows more desperate, the Adult departments in Southern Baptist Sunday schools are gradually losing ground. During the last ten years, the percentage of adults in the population has increased from 47.1 per cent to 56.8 per cent; but the percentage of adults in our Sunday schools has decreased from 39.26 per cent to 38.7 per cent. Always we have neglected the adults; and now, when we could save our great Sunday school situation by one year's vigorous campaign of going after the adults, our neglect is even greater than ever!

5. Why Not Give the Whole Nation a Real Challenge? I can tell you how we can do it—do it in one year. Here it is:

We have the greatest and best Sunday school work in the nation—if we would bring up our work for adults.

The (United) Methodists have lost 800,000 out of their Sunday schools in the last ten years (1934-1944). Southern Baptists have gained 2,637 new Sunday schools and had a net gain of 228,567 in Sunday school enrollment during this same period.

Now, suppose we should cease making excuses and apologies and go out and get one-fourth of our unenrolled adult church members during the next twelve months! This would do four marvelous things:

(1) It would turn our losses of the last three years into glorious gains.

(2) It would place Southern Baptists in the first place in Sunday school work—in the nation and in the whole world.

(3) It would prove to ourselves and the whole nation that adults can be won and brought into our Sunday schools.

(4) It would be the greatest service we could possibly render our churches and our church members—to go out and get a half-million church members and enroll them in our Sunday schools!

MORE NAMES ARE WRITTEN THERE

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Lincoln—Macedonia.
Lawrence—Bethel.
Rankin—Richland.
Lebanon—Purvis.
Lawrence—Crooked Creek.
Mississippi—Ebenezer.
Choctaw—Weir.
Deer Creek—Hollandale.
Rankin—Brandon.
Pike—Navilla.
Winston—Hinze.
Newton—Clarke College B. S. U.
Jones—Pecan Grove.
Jones—Pine Grove.
Carroll—Vaiden.
Hinds—Warren—Learned.
Rankin—Cato.
Lebanon—Sumrall.
Carroll—Mt. Pisgah.
Yazoo—Oak Grove.
Tallahatchie—Bethany.
Clarke—Quitman.
Neshoba—Pearl Valley.
Riverside—Riverside.
Tippah—Lowrey Memorial.
Calhoun—Derma.
Lafayette—Yellow Leaf.
Benton—Ashland.
Chickasaw—Union Chapel.
Clay—Pine Bluff.
Smith—Summerland.
Jackson—East Moss Point.
Copiah—Smyrna.
Calhoun—Old Town.
Pearl River—Picayune.
Deer Creek—Leland.
Scott—Lake.
Marshall—Holly Springs.
Lincoln—New Prospect.
Winston—Murphy Creek.
Monroe—Prairie.
Jones—Second Avenue.
Chickasaw—Pleasant Grove.
Yazoo—Black Jack.
Tippah—Lowrey Memorial.
Gulf Coast—Handsboro.
Tippah—Providence.
Rankin—Mountain Creek.
Tallahatchie—Tutwiler.
Hinds—Warren—Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg.
Sunflower—Moorhead.
Scott—Oak Grove.
Newton—Lawrence.
Tate—Evaneville.

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Union church in Clarke county has bought a home for their pastor, and Rev. Deb Stennis and family are enjoying it to the limit. This church has a nice list of tithers and is full time.—J. L. Williams.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

July 1944

Evangelism—
Summer Revivals.
Ridgecrest S. S. and B. T. U.
Cooperative Program Emphasis.
Now Club Emphasis.
W. M. U. Camps.
Vacation Bible Schools.
Tithes and Offerings.
Daily Bible Reading.
Mississippi Baptists Owe no More—November first, 1944.
Brotherhoods Stressed.
Sunday Schools—
Vacation Bible Schools; Rural Training Program; Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest.
W. M. U.—Camps for Young People.
B. T. U.—
Ridgecrest Assembly (three weeks—July 19-August 8). Special summer work in rural churches begins. Associational Executive Committee Meetings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD CELEBRATES FIFTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of the First church of Nashville, was elected president of the Board for the twenty-fourth consecutive time. Dr. J. W. Winn, Nashville, was re-elected recording secretary. Of course Dr. T. L. Holcomb was re-elected executive secretary-treasurer.

The big feature of the meeting was the anniversary address by Dr. F. M. McConnell, Dallas, Texas, for sixteen years the distinguished editor of The Texas Baptist Standard until he recently retired. On account of the illness of his wife, Dr. McConnell was unable to deliver the address in person but it was read most effectively by Dr. Fred C. Eastham, Wichita Falls, the Texas member of the Board.

The Sunday School Board celebrated its fifty-third anniversary June 15. Dr. McConnell chose for his subject "The Teachers of Truth Are the Promoters of Peace." It was a most timely message, thoroughly appreciated by the entire Sunday School Board family and many friends who heard it.

The Sunday School Board continues to break records. The receipts for last year were \$3,833,788, which was \$809,430 over the previous year. Of course that means that the circulation of its periodicals continues to grow.

Changes in Personnel

In order to conserve the strength and health of Manager Perry Morgan at Ridgecrest, who was so seriously ill last year at this time, Jasper N. Barnette, head of the Sunday School Department of the Board, has taken over the management of the Assembly for this summer, as he did last summer.

Dr. Claud U. Broach, with the Baptist Student department, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the St. John's Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. Henry C. Rogers, who has been with the Training Union department of the Board, head of the Intermediate work, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, of Lincolnton, North Carolina. Before coming with the Board, Mr. Rogers was the Training Union secretary of the Tennessee Convention for several years.

Andrew Q. Allen, who was head of the Elementary department of the Board for some time, has resigned to become the business manager of the Baylor Baptist Hospital, Dallas, Tex.

Jesse Daniel, who has been the Sunday school secretary of the Tennessee Convention for several years, has accepted a position with the Board as secretary of enlargement in the Sunday School Department.

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Neshoba county missionary, Kenneth G. Hall, is planning a great associational mass meeting for Neshoba county on July 3. The program begins at the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, at 8:30 p. m. and closes at 10. Among those to take part on the program are: Rev. T. J. Harper, Rev. Walter McGraw, Mrs. Jesse Williamson, Rev. Riley Munday, Dr. Walter L. Johnson and Rev. Kenneth G. Hall. He has already issued the first number of the Neshoba Baptist News which he plans to send out to the churches each month.



Junior Training Union, Pearson Church

The Junior Training Union of Pearson Baptist Church, Pearson, Miss. Back row, left to right, Rebecca Pace, Joan Dunnam, Reatha Wallace, Joanne Coward, Jimmy Cates; second row, Kenneth Bryant, Clotene Hughes, Margaret Ann Dauthit, Mary Glyn Harbin, Kenneth Bridges; front row, Gloria Ann Cunningham, Bill Bridges, Gary Allen and George Hicks.

The Juniors of the Training Union of Pearson Baptist Church take a special offering each Sunday night in addition to their regular Sunday night offering. One of the Juniors made a box covered with scripture passages in Chinese letters and a Junior was appointed to take and keep the offering until a sufficient amount was collected to take to the state office. The offering brought in recently was \$10.62. This is the third offering this group of Juniors, under the leadership of Mrs. Anse Nolan, has sent in for Chinese relief. They have contributed approximately \$28.

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PRAYER ON D-DAY

The easy and natural way in which Americans in every part of our country offered their prayers to God on D-Day ought to be reassuring to those Christians who have discounted the religious faith of the American people and the power of religion in their lives. Churches and synagogues in New York were crowded. School children stood beside their desks in silent prayer. City employees assembled for prayer in the mayor's office at noon and, then in late afternoon, thousands gathered for public prayer in Madison Square.

We often think of America at work or at play. But when in recent years have we thought of America at prayer? This is not the irreligious country that the skeptics have painted for us. It is, on the contrary, a country longing for true religious leadership and we may be sure that if we go to the American people with the gospel of the love of God, and redemption, and brotherhood, we shall receive a sympathetic hearing. All of us who want to see Christian civilization preserved, are losing a great and precious opportunity if we do not go out to the friendly throng of people in the United States with out message of "good tidings of great joy" for all people. Christians could, if they would, save America from the divisive and devastating effects of bigotry and intolerance. They need only become serious and enthusiastic about proclaiming the liberating gospel of Christ.



Baptist Training Union

BOX 530 — JACKSON, 105, MISS.

AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary
MISS RUTH LOFTIN, Young People
MISS LOUISE HILL, Rural Emphasis
MISS NELLA DEAN MITCHELL, Office

Miss Pearl Caldwell, missionary to China for thirty-three years, has endeared herself to all Training Union folk who were privileged to hear her during the fifteen conventions we have just had. While hundreds have



heard her we wish every church member might have had that privilege. We were stirred as she told us of how the work started in her own station. How God, in His marvelous way, led in it, and how since the beginning, God has continued to lead and bless in the work there. Miss Caldwell gave us a good picture of the prison camps and also of the trip home. The trip included 74 days at sea and a total of 22,000 miles. She was on the Japanese vessel one month and then for a month and a half on the Gripsholm. Not a single storm the entire voyage. Like all other missionaries we have known through the years, Miss Caldwell's heart is with the people she has worked with for these years. Could she be free to serve them she had rather be right there now than anywhere else in the world. It is such spirit that has made our mission work succeed. God has called those who have just that deep love for Him and for the lost, and this love is a growing flame, burning brighter and brighter as the years go. We are deeply indebted to Miss Caldwell for giving us these three weeks. She has made a great contribution to our Training Union work in Mississippi.

Word has just come to us that Mr. Henry Rogers, who for some months has been Southwide Intermediate leader working out of the Nashville office, is leaving the department to accept a pastorate in Lincolnton, N. C. We will miss Mr. Rogers. He has endeared himself to us all during these months, and to some of us who have known him for years. He was Training Union secretary of Alabama, then for some years Training Union secretary of Tennessee. We extend to him our very best wishes in his new work, and congratulate the church in Lincolnton on having secured his services.

A BAPTIST UNIVERSITY IN MISSISSIPPI

(Editor's note: The former article on this same subject was recently printed at the request of certain young ministers who desire to give expression to these ideas.)

A young minister, having finished his last examination prior to his graduation, climbed to the summit of the hill overlooking Hall's Lake; turned and gazed toward Mississippi College.

There sat his Alma Mater. The Synagogue, where ninety-one budding and very green preachers stayed; and on beyond—to Chrestman Hall, where the "Sinners" held sway—the tall Library building, then across to Jennings and Coach Roby's boys—the Gym, the Administration building, and finally, his eyes came to rest on the beautiful and historic old chapel. That, in June, 1942.

The thought occurred then and it reoccurs now in 1944, to that same young preacher. Why isn't Mississippi College made into a university?

This particular student had taken every college hour offered in the Christianity department under the late Dr. M. O. Patterson. His major, however, was in the department of English. What a delight it would have been to pursue a master's degree in the study of The Effect and Influence of Religion on American Literature, under the capable and able Dr. Walter Fuller Taylor. He would be truly qualified in every way to offer such a study, which could be had only in a Christian institution. That is merely an example. Others

would desire to major in other fields. Back of it all, however, and interwoven in all, would be the Christian environment to enrich and fill full the maturing mind of the advanced student. Then without loss of face the young theologian could take a Th.M. or a B.D., each with its three years of study in the Bible. The former if he were of scholarly bent, the latter if his desires were more for the practical training in an intense study of the English Bible. With a master's degree under his ministerial bonnet, a young preacher could strive for either degree with equanimity. Fearing no theological pressure from above or public pressure from without.

Mississippi College is the most logical location for a Baptist University in the state. Located in the center of our Baptist commonwealth, and in the center of Mississippi, with the property of Hillman College in its possession it could easily meet the requirements of a Baptist University. Already co-educational, graduate students could enter there from any college.

When should this thing be realized? If the word has not been clubbed to death—NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME!—Riley Munday.

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Capudine relieves headache fast because it's liquid. Its ingredients are already dissolved—all ready to begin easing the pain. It also soothes nerve tension due to the pain. Use only as directed. 10c, 30c, 50c.

LIQUID CAPUDINE

Two new unions were set up during the month of May, there were Aberdeen and Longtown. Congratulations to these good churches. Aberdeen starts all five departments, and Longtown all but the Adult Union.

During the month of May Mississippi issued 1,244 study course awards. The Intermediates led with 367, Adults came second with 344, Juniors third with 94, the Young People with 148. Ninety-one seals were issued in the administrative course. The following associations were in the group that had a study course—Bolivar, Choctaw, Deer Creek, George, Hinds-Warren, Jasper, Jones, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Leake, Lebanon, Lee, Mississippi, Pike, Rankin, Scott Walthall, Winston, Gulf Coast, DeSoto.

We are happy to report that the Intermediate Department made a gain in number of awards issued the first four months of this year over the same time last year. In 1943 we issued, for the first four months of the year, 939 awards, and for the same time in 1944 the number was 996. Not a large gain but a gain nevertheless.

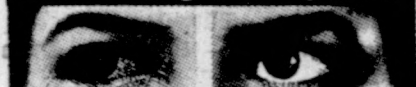
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Two new libraries for Mississippi are Derma with Miss Glenda Rose Langston as librarian, and Ellison Ridge, Winston county, with Mrs. Horace Flake as librarian. Congratulations to these good churches. We have noticed that the success of a library lies with the librarian. These libraries that prove helpful in our churches are the ones that have a librarian who really believes in them and who keeps it before the church, and keeps the library supplied with new books. We feel sure the two above mentioned librarians are just this type, hence success is assured.

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Thursday, June 28, 1944

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

Call for Ridgecrest

This is the last call for Ridgecrest before the first Sunday School Week, July 5-11. There are two Sunday school weeks with identical programs, except for personnel changes in some instances. These two Sunday school weeks are July 5-11 and July 12-18.

We know of quite a number of Mississippians going for one of these weeks. A number of churches are sending one or more of their workers. A Sunday school could do no finer thing than to send its superintendent and some of its department superintendents to Ridgecrest for one of these weeks. The finest leaders and speakers we have are on the Ridgecrest program. It is a great inspiration and has meant more to many people than any other experience.

Each person going will have to work out his own schedule by either bus or train since we do not have any special bus going this year because of gas and tire restrictions.

We hope to see a great number of our Sunday school people at Ridgecrest. Let's pray that this summer may be the greatest yet because of the urgent need of the world today for spiritual aid. Our Sunday schools can render far-reaching service in this respect.

Another Last Call

This is the last time we shall have an opportunity to call attention during June to the Victory Offering for the Now Club which was designated by the last State Convention for the month of June.

However, many thousands of dollars can yet be given to apply on this growing amount to pay the last dollar Mississippi Baptists owe on their debts. We trust that every Sunday school superintendent in the state will make special plans for a great offering even on the last day of the month. And, since next Sunday is only the second day of July, if an offering has not yet been taken, do so then by all means. It is never too late to do good.

Wonderful Testimony

Mrs. J. H. Vick, a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church, Yalobusha Association, recently wrote us concerning a week's work done in their church during June by Miss Frances Berry, one of the summer workers with the Sunday school department this summer. It is such a splendid tribute and testimony that we are giving our readers the privilege of reading it by reproducing it just as Mrs. Vick wrote it. The testimony:

"I want to express my appreciation, personally, and in behalf of Hopewell Baptist Church, Yalobusha county, to the Sunday school department for the assistance of Miss Frances Berry in our Vacation Bible school and also in organizing our Sunday school.

"For the V. B. S. we had an average attendance of 25. There was a possible enrollment of about 45 in the community, but cotton hoeing season started about the same time and hindered some from attending that were farthest from the church. It was our first school. The children enjoyed it, were eager to learn, really

studied hard and were interested in all phases of the school, asking for another next year.

"The closing exercises just brought it home to us as parents what our children had been missing in the way of Bible teaching. One mother of a little Junior girl told me she only wished she could send her daughter every day of the summer to the Vacation Bible school because she was just the age to want to study the Bible and that she just couldn't explain it much to her herself. It made me feel like my week spent as Junior teacher had been well spent and that God had blessed my feeble efforts. As a mother the Vacation Bible school is a wonderful thing for our children. I had five attending.

"Miss Berry gave us wonderful assistance in organizing our Sunday school. From time to time we would start a school but it would die in a short time. Attendance is so much better now that I really believe we can keep it going. Our Vacation Bible school has awakened interest and made parents fully realize the necessity of teaching our children the word of God. I think it was 26 or 27 we organized with, and then had 34 present the next Sunday and 43 the next.

"We cannot express our appreciation as we would like for Miss Berry's work with us. She is so sweet, kind, and so thoroughly Christian. Truly 'her light so shines before men as to glorify the Father in heaven.' She did so much in so short a time, and with so little preparation made here in advance of her coming. I had her in my home which was a great pleasure to me and my girls.

"As a member of the committee on promotion of Vacation Bible schools in Yalobusha Association, I want to thank the Board for helping us in this county and may God bless this work and grant that it may reach out to others as it has to us."

Another June Feature

June is the greatest month of the year for Vacation Bible schools. Naturally, most of the rural schools are held during July and August, but for the town and city schools June is THE month. The indications are that 1945 is going to be a great year in this respect. Many churches that have never had one are this year. Many others that have not had one for some time are coming in this year. Reports are most encouraging as to the type of work being done. The boys and girls like these schools, the teachers are helped because of them.

Therefore, let's not fail even yet to have a vacation school this summer. There is yet ample time to plan a good one. Books may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

And, be sure and send us a report of your school as soon as it closes. Don't delay; don't take chances with someone else sending the report; do it yourself. By all means send it.

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L. R. ALFORD

L. R. ALFORD ACCEPTS MT. OLIVE PASTORATE

L. R. Alford, for the past six years pastor at Newton and then Columbia, both in Alabama, has accepted the pastorate at Mt. Olive and will begin his work July 15.

Rev. Alford is a Th.M. graduate of B. B. I. Mrs. Alford, the former Grace Bass of Columbia, Miss., also attended B. B. I.

—BR—

Osyka: We recently enjoyed a week's training in the fundamentals of music led by Kenneth Simmons, our own choir director, who did a good job. We had an average attendance of 50 each night.—Reporter.

RIDGECREST NOTES

The Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly opened June 7th with approximately 1,600 young people attending the Student Retreat. The Y. W. A. camp followed with more than 1,000 in attendance. The third period, June 23-27, was the first Pastors' Evangelistic Conference. The pastors spent five days of Bible study, meditation and prayer with conferences on methods and the study of the lives of great evangelists under the leadership of Dr. W. F. Powell, Dr. W. R. White, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. John D. Freeman, of the Western Recorder; Dr. Hight C. Moore, Ridgecrest, and others.

Perhaps the heights were reached when Dr. Ellis A. Fuller of the Seminary in Louisville, preached on "Living Up to the Will of God," and a number of young people signified their determination to let God have His way in their lives; and when Dr. Charles E. Maddy, of the Foreign Mission Board, brought a missionary message after which more than a hundred offered themselves for definite service.—A. L. Stevens, Durant, Miss.

—BR—

Pinola: Dr. D. A. McCall will do the preaching and W. L. Cooper, Argentina missionary, will be in charge of the music for the annual revival the first week in July.—Dot Sanders.

Pinola: Our church recently closed one of its most successful Vacation Bible schools. There were 46 enrolled with an average attendance of 41.—Dot Sanders.

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JUDGE JOHN L. BUCKLEY

In the early morning hours of December 8, 1943, God sent His messenger, the Death Angel, to tell Judge Buckley that his work on this earth was finished, and he now was to be taken to be with his Heavenly Father.

Judge Buckley was a deacon in the Enterprise Baptist Church for twenty-seven years and was also a teacher in the Sunday school for many years. For some time past ill health prevented him from attending church services as he longed to do. He was interested in all worthy community activities.

His older friends who have known him and associated with him through a long, rich life of service, rejoice in the exemplary high standard of Christ-like living which shone through his consecrated life. He expressed through his everyday living the high ideals of a noble Christian.

He was an example of patience in his suffering, and full of gratitude to all who visited or remembered him in any way. He shall be greatly missed from our community and church and many mourn his going.

Whereas: One of our most faithful members, and useful citizens has been taken from our midst;

Whereas: Our church and community feel a great loss in his going, because of his high Christian ideals, his wise council, and his spiritual and material contributions to God's cause;

Therefore, Be it resolved that we thank God for allowing Bro. Buckley to labor with us for so many years, and be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of our church, a copy sent to the family and that a copy be sent to The Baptist Record for publication.

A. B. DAVIS,

MRS. HARDY DEAR,

E. E. WELSH,

Committee.

JAMES MONROE STRICKLAND

James Monroe Strickland was born at Osyka in 1884, and died at Hathorn June 12th, 1944. It was my happy privilege to be his pastor at Brooklyn Baptist Church for almost seven years. We ordained him as deacon while I was his pastor. Until the end of his life here on earth he was one of the most faithful church workers and deacons that I have ever known. He was loved and respected so much that both churches requested his funeral, Hathorn where he lived and Maxie where he was buried.

He is survived by his wife and six children. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.—C. S. Moulder, ex-pastor.

A FATHER'S TIMELY ADVICE
TO HIS DAUGHTER

By Robert Quillen

When you have read this, you may call me an old foggy, and a crank, thirty years behind the times, but I've got to risk it.

You can't imagine any other kind of world than the one you have known, but before you were born, before women were given the right to vote and "emancipated" and given "equality" with men, our country seemed to have a different kind of civilization. Whether better or worse, it was wholly unlike what we have now. A woman who smoked and drank was "that kind of woman" and a social outcast.

I am not going to argue about the harmfulness of smoking and drinking. The human system can tolerate many kinds of poison in small doses—strychnine for example—though large doses are fatal. Moderation is the chief of virtues. It is excess that is



FRANCES KINARD

FRANCES KINARD IS HONOR GRADUATE

Miss Frances Kinard of Meridian was the high honor graduate from Clarke Memorial College at the recent commencement, having made straight "A's" for the two years at the college. She was also voted by the faculty as the outstanding student for the past session in both citizenship and qualities of leadership for which she was presented an award of fifty dollars in cash (\$50.00) to pursue her education at Blue Mountain College next year. Miss Kinard is a volunteer for service in a foreign field and has chosen Palestine as the place where she would like to serve, after having finished her preparation at Blue Mountain and the Woman's Missionary Training School at Louisville, Ky.

evil, and it doesn't take very much of some things to be excess for some people.

It was moderation that Mrs. Roosevelt had in mind when she stirred up a storm by saying in one of her talks that all girls should learn how to drink. She wasn't advising girls to cultivate the liquor habit. She meant that girls of her own social class, who must accept certain drinks at social functions or seem conspicuous, should learn to sip with caution so they won't slide under the table.

You aren't in that class, and the parties and dinners you attend are not the wet kind, so if you learn to drink it will be deliberate.

Maybe a cocktail wouldn't hurt you. But girls who learn to drink will at times get drunk, and when they get tight their morals get loose. They invite trouble, and it often comes.

When a girl repents of her folly, and drags her fellow-sinner into court, she usually charges that he persuaded her to drink something and then enticed her into his car, and then she was a helpless victim.

But he didn't force a drink down her throat, nor did he drag her into the car. She drank the something willingly and she knew it wasn't lemonade. She got into the car willingly and she knew he was not taking her to Sunday school. In short, she got drunk with him because she enjoyed getting drunk, and after she got addled she didn't care what happened. Whatever may be said for drinking, it is not a means of encouraging chastity.

A smoke wouldn't harm you, either; but too much smoking can. It dis-

"NEVER APPOINTED AMBASSADOR . . . HOLD THAT RANK"

By Louie D. Newton

In order that the brotherhood may have the developing information regarding one of the many interesting aspects of the steadily entangling alliance between the government of the United States and the Vatican, I make public a letter received from Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the United States, under date of June 12, 1944, transmitting to me a letter which he received from Acting Secretary of State E. R. Stettinius, Jr., under date of June 9, 1944. I may explain that I appealed to Senator Connally to aid me in getting a reply from the State Department after failure to get any reply to letters directed to the department.

Senator Connally's Letter

Herewith I hand you further communication which I have received from the Department of State concerning Mr. Myron C. Taylor.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

(Signed) TOM CONNALLY.

Acting Secretary Stettinius' Letter

I am in receipt of your communication of June 1, 1944, enclosing a copy of a letter, dated March 3, from the Reverend Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia, in which he inquires whether Mr. Myron C. Taylor is United States ambassador to the Vatican, and, if so, whether the Congress approved his appointment.

Mr. Taylor has been the President's unpaid personal representative to the Vatican since 1939 and still holds that title, which does not require congressional approval. He has never been appointed ambassador although he holds that personal rank.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) E. R. STETTINIUS,
Acting Secretary.

My Letter to Acting Secretary Stettinius

Senator Tom Connally has transmitted to me your letter addressed to him under date of June 9, 1944, regarding the status of Mr. Myron C. Taylor.

May I ask, first, how Mr. Taylor can hold the rank of ambassador without being approved and appointed by the Congress, as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States?

And again, may I ask how much money from the public treasury the State Department has expended this fiscal year on the embassy maintained at the Vatican?

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) LOUIE D. NEWTON.

AMERICAN BOMBER CREWS IN RUSSIA TELL WHAT RELIGION MEANS TO FIGHTING AIRMEN

An American Air Base in Russia (By Wireless to RNS)—Back from the first U. S. air attack on enemy objectives in Rumania launched from Soviet soil, American bomber crews here gave a first-hand impression of what religion means to fighting airmen.

"You know," said 24-year-old Lt. colors your teeth, makes you smell bad to those who don't smoke. Why learn a habit that can't do you any good?

Love,

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—Charlotte Observer.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS

Correct answers on page 15.

1. Since we recognize June as the "wedding month," who was the first woman to receive the "wedding ring" as a token of love and affection?

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2. In Biblical times we read that it was the custom for guests to eat in a reclining position. Was the practice of this custom originated during Jesus' time?

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3. While we recognize the fact that Jesus had 12 disciples, there are only two of them mentioned in the Bible that met violent death. Can you name them?

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SEEKS UNITY BETWEEN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Publication in the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal of an article "Baptist Denomination—the Same" was interpreted here as an introductory step toward achieving a more friendly unity of ideas between Northern and Southern Baptists.

The article was written by Dr. M. C. Stith, executive secretary of the District of Columbia Convention, which cooperates with both the Northern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

"It is necessary," he writes, "that we add neither prefixes nor suffixes to the word Baptist indicating any point of the compass, but merely that 'we be Baptists.'"

"Occasionally someone seems to think that the differences are essentially doctrinal. For purposes of convention activity and relationship, the differences are essentially of structure and policy, method and manner. . . . Perhaps most of our differences are magnified into misunderstandings because of ignorance of the motives and plans and purposes of our neighbors, friends, and brethren. People called 'Baptists' should be able to say with some degree of understanding, not only that 'we be Baptists' but also that 'we be brethren.'"

"Common objectives are the same. . . . By tacit agreement the Northern Baptist Convention has occupied certain mission fields and the Southern Baptist Convention has occupied other mission fields. . . . The field of evangelism is an important one in both conventions.

"Methods and manners may be different, but objectives, purposes, common interests, and goals are identical. An understanding of this will help us all work together more efficiently for a common end."

Meyer Trachtenberg, of New York City, veteran of 36 missions, "you sure get to believe in God on these trips." A group of fliers gathered around the fuselage of a Flying Fortress nodded agreement.

"This business of flying," said Lt. Jay Marlowe, of Lexington, Ky., "will make a Christian out of you just as fast as anything can."

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for July 2 ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND Joshua 1-6, 23-24

At last Israel reached the plains of Moab, east of the Jordan, and the forty years of wilderness wandering were over. Thence Moses ascended from Mount Nebo where he died in ecstacy. He was succeeded by Joshua who received from God his orders to invade Canaan.

It was perhaps twenty-five years after the invasion of Canaan and eighteen years after the conquest, that Joshua calling together the elders of Israel, possibly at his home in Timnath-Serah, addressed them in solemn warning against compromise with the idolatrous nations still left in the land.

Lesson Text and Outline

Joshua 1:1-9; 23:1-5

- I—The Leader (Joshua 1:1).
- II—The Land (Joshua 1:2-5).
- III—The Law (Joshua 1:6-9).
- IV—The Life (Joshua 23:1-5).

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. Summons to service came from Jehovah to Joshua, the assistant and successor of Moses, who had just passed away. He was the son of Nun; grandson of Elishama, a captain in Israel's army after the exodus; of the tribe of Ephraim and so a descendant of Joseph and bearing a worthy name which means "Jehovah is salvation." Born in Goshen, he spent more than forty years in the land of bondage—a period of subjection, discipline, self-denial, struggle, yearning for better things. During the wilderness period he became Moses' minister, attending the great lawgiver in his legislation, leading Israel against the Amalekites, and from Kadesh-barnea spying out the Land of Canaan. No fitter man in Israel could be summoned to succeed Moses.

2. Stimulus in service was guaranteed the new leader. The urgent, all-important task before him was the immediate invasion of Canaan. He must cross the Jordan, then swollen with its springtime flood into a foaming, surging torrent, perhaps five hundred feet wide. He was to lead over it all the people with all their belongings. Henceforth Israel should traverse no territory they could not call their own. Before them lay their land full length which twice in history they controlled to the extremities here specified: southward to Kadesh-barnea; northward to the Lebanon Mountains; eastward to the Euphrates river; westward to the Mediterranean Sea. In winning the territory thus divinely assigned to Israel, the new leader was certain of victory because he was promised the presence and power of God.

3. Strength for service was thrice enjoined upon Joshua. He needed strength for conflict; for the path ahead was beset with all sorts of difficulties from the crossing of the impassible Jordan immediately before them, to the capture of the Canaanish strongholds in the mountains beyond. No mollycoddle could fulfill such a mission. He must have the strength of courage and the courage of strength in order to conquer. But in and after conquest he must find strength in obedience for he must personally observe the mandates of

Moses, loitering neither to the right nor to the left along the path of duty; and he must teach it to others so that it would be regnant in the law and order of the new country. The end of such a course could but be most happy, crowning leader and people alike with good success. They must remember, however, that while strength for the conflict comes in the path of obedience, it must come direct from God who commands, strengthens, encourages, accompanies, effectualizes. What more can we ask?

4. Success through service was proclaimed by Joshua in opening his farewell address. He began with a retrospect covering the quarter century which had elapsed since the crossing of the Jordan. In the seven years' war, though Joshua led the martial hosts, it was Jehovah who fought for them and gave them the victory. The years of settlement and development that followed were marked by divine favor. Now Joshua was at peace with surrounding nations and girding itself for its own career as the Chosen People. Let them recognize the hand of God in their history. Nor must they halt in claiming the whole of the land, some of it yet unconquered, that had been divinely allotted them. Let them not sheathe their swords before the fulness of time, for the Lord was ready to continue the work of ridding the country of idolatry if Israel would but claim in full their title to possession of the Promised Land.

The Lesson of the Lesson

Be Strong

- (1) **Be Strong to Serve.** "Servant . . . minister."
- (2) **Be Strong to Obey.** "The Lord spake unto Joshua."
- (3) **Be Strong to Advance.** "Arise, go over."
- (4) **Be Strong to Attack.** "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee."
- (5) **Be Strong to Achieve.** "I will not fail thee."
- (6) **Be Strong to Inherit.** "Unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land."
- (7) **Be Strong to Observe.** "Observe to do according to all the law."
- (8) **Be Strong to Prosper.** "Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous."
- (9) **Be Strong to Resist.** "Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed."
- (10) **Be Strong to Glorify.** "Ye have seen all that the Lord your God hath done."

Gold in the Golden Text

Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.—Joshua 1:9.

It is a duty to be strong. We are weak, but to remain so is a crime or a calamity. To be strong we must use the strength we have, cultivate spiritual health, and find in God our power.

It is a duty to be courageous. To fear is to fail. An army of slackers will surrender before a shot is fired. But courage makes heroes, whether their blood gushes in battle or slowly drips in humble sacrifice. Be of good courage!

And remember that God is with you as you do His work and follow His way.

—BR—

First church, Gulfport: Our VBS was the best ever. There were 32 in the faculty, 144 enrolled. The Mission offering totaled \$50.17 and there were eight conversions.—Reporter.



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beating his own world war record—a case of whiskey from an ace who had steadily and often warned against the danger of drink, and who positively refused the hundreds of pilots (employed by his air line) the privilege of drinking on duty, or for twenty-four hours before they went on duty. The newspapers of America gave America the truth. They found out that Major Bong preferred soft drinks rather than whiskey, and indeed was an abstainer. Eddie Rickenbacker now makes a statement that the pilot who abstains is a better pilot.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young,
Clinton, Mississippi

Called and Accepted

- J. H. Brown, Girard church, Phoenix City, Ala.
- W. L. Boriun, First, Alexander City, Ala.
- J. T. Carter, Wilmer, Ala., and Agricola, Miss.
- S. A. Wiles, West, Batesville, Ark.
- S. M. Brown, Delraida, Montgomery, Ala.
- J. O. Calley, Crestline, Birmingham, Ala.
- J. L. Robinson, Lancaster, Ky.
- Thurman Scott, First, Heavener, Okla.
- L. W. Lee, Chaplain, U. S. Army.
- L. Y. Lewis, Rocky Springs church, Lishon, La.
- Ramond Foree, Sanborn, Indiana.
- Floyd Sanders, Oakhill, Tenn.
- T. E. Mason, Calvary, Erwin, Tenn.
- Raymond DeArmand, Chesterfield, S. C.
- W. R. Woodell, First, Marked Tree, Ark.
- W. K. McGuire, North, Waco, Tex.
- I. E. Queen, House, N. Mexico.
- Russell Ware, Calvary, N. Mexico.
- E. C. Cowan, Roberta, Ga.
- D. Avery Lee, associate pastor, First Baton Rouge, La.
- John R. Bryant, Calvary, Tyler, Tex.
- Robert L. Palmer, Napoleon Ave., New Orleans, La.
- Arthur Mussellwhite, Terry Lake

church, Oil City, La.

W. W. Hutchins, First, High Point, N. C.

R. E. Rhyne, Lockhart, S. C.
Charles W. Divine, Mackville, Ky.
Dewey T. Jones, Buffalo, Ky.
Fred W. King, Dilley, Tex.
G. B. Leathers, Beechland church, Louisville, Ky.

Charley L. Sandier, associate pastor, Griffith Memorial, Jackson.

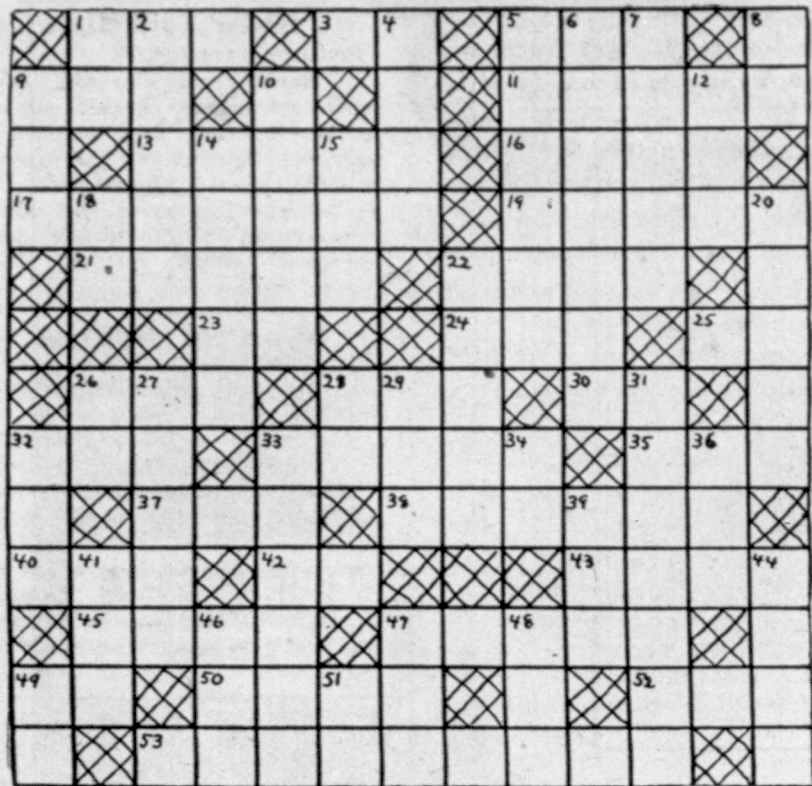
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- H. J. Killebrew, Eau Gallie, Fla.
- J. T. Grizzle, Emmanuel, Gainesville, Ga.
- Raymond DeArmond, Midway, Ky.
- W. R. Wordell, Sligo, Ky.
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- S. B. Nichols, First, Waynoka, Okla.
- W. C. Halsell, Diaz, Ark.

—BR—

John A. Davis, son of Rev. and Mrs. Montie A. Davis, who was at Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, has been transferred to the Veterans' Hospital at Biloxi.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"And Samson said unto them, I will they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle."

now put forth a riddle unto you: And dle, that we may hear it."

—Judges 14:12, 13.

SAMSON'S RIDDLE
ACROSS

- 1 "... of every nation," Acts 2:5.
 - 3 Preposition.
 - 5 Demonstrative word.
 - 9 Aaron died here, Num 20:27.
 - 11 Revenue collector (India).
 - 13 "into the mouth of the ..."
 - 16 "Then ... to him his mother."
 - 17 Reckless persons.
 - 19 Peter did this when he raised Tabitha, Acts 9:40.
 - 21 "a sower went ... to sow."
 - 22 "The life is more than ..."
 - 24 The grampus.
 - 25 "I ... Alpha and Omega."
 - 26 Conjunction.
 - 28 "shall go no more ..." Rev. 3:12.
 - 30 Preposition.
 - 32 Son of Gad, Gen. 46:16.
 - 33 Oriental coin better known in English as "cash"; capes (anag.)
 - 35 Gaelic form of John.
 - 37 article.
 - 38 "was ... in faith," Rom. 4:20.
 - 40 Entangle.
 - 42 Note.
 - 43 "Ithiel and ..." Prov. 30:1.
 - 45 "And he arose, and ... to his father," Luke 15:20.
 - 47 "bring ... fruit," Rom. 7:4.
 - 49 Preposition.
 - 50 Against.
 - 52 The entire man.
 - 53 "as honey for ..." Ezek. 3:3.
- Samson's riddle is 1, 3, 5, 13, 16, 21, 22, 26, 28, 30, 37, 38, 45, 47 and 53 combined.

DOWN

- 1 Hawaiian bird.
- 2 Nettle rash.
- 4 King Hiram gave Solomon trees like these I Kings 5:10.
- 5 Driver of small nails.
- 6 South American mammal.
- 7 Ant.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK

MRS. JANIE LOWREY GRAVES
PASSES

Blue Mountain, Miss., June 20—Funeral services for Mrs. Janie Lowrey Sanford Graves, 90, for half a century a Baptist missionary to China, were held in Mobile, Ala., Wednesday, June 21. Burial was in Mobile. She died Monday afternoon in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Anderson of Mobile, where she had resided for the past nine years.

Mrs. Janie Lowrey Sanford Graves was born at Rienzi, Miss., in 1854. She was the third daughter of Gen. Mark Perrin Lowrey, fighting parson of the Army of Tennessee and founder of Blue Mountain College, and of Sarah Holmes Lowrey. She was a sister of Mother Berry of Blue Mountain.

After attending for one year the Baptist Female Institute of Pontotoc, she studied for two years in Blue Mountain Female Institute, founded by her father in 1873 and now Blue Mountain College. She graduated in June, 1875, being one of the two seniors of the first graduating class of this well-known institution of learning.

In December, 1875, she married Rev. Jno. W. Sanford, pastor of the Baptist church of Corinth, Miss., one of the most brilliant young Baptist ministers of Mississippi. Thirteen months later, he died in Florida, having collapsed in his Corinth pulpit during a service and having gone to Florida, suffering from tuberculosis.

Returning to Blue Mountain in 1877, the young widow taught music in her Alma Mater for four years; but feeling a clear call to the foreign mission field, she went in 1881 to San Francisco, California, where she worked among the Chinese of Chinatown as a religious worker, learning the language and customs of the Chinese to whose spiritual, physical, moral and intellectual development she devoted the best years of her long and useful life.

In 1887 she sailed for Canton, China to begin her career on a foreign field. A year and a half later, she married Dr. Rosewell H. Graves of Baltimore, Md., himself a pioneer Baptist missionary to South China, an eminent scholar, author and translator, with whom she labored in the Orient till his death some thirty years ago.

In Canton, China, Mrs. Graves not only did evangelistic work among the women of that region, but she likewise was principal of a school for Chinese girls. She also was a prime factor in the establishment in Canton of a home and school for blind Chinese girls, presiding over this splendid institution until forced to give up the work because of her own blindness and broken health. She helped to teach these blind girls Braille and the Bible and how to do work with their eager and efficient hands. Mrs. Graves was ably assisted in her educational work in China by her niece, Dr. Mary R. Anderson, daughter of the late Dr. J. D. and Maggie Lowrey Anderson of Mobile.

Nine years ago, Mrs. Graves came back to America. She had hoped to pass the rest of her life in the Orient and to be buried there among the people she had learned to love as her very own. For a short time she visited in Blue Mountain before going to Mobile to make her home with the Andersons. Blindness and invalidism darkened the twilight of her years, but could not cloud the radi-

DR. ALMAND JOINS SEMINARY
FACULTY

Dr. Claude M. Almand, professor of music at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., has resigned to accept a position as teacher in the newly created Department of Church Music of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., according to an announcement by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the seminary. He will begin his new duties in September.

Doctor Almand has been a member of the Peabody faculty four years. For the last two years he has been director of the choir of the Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville. He has served on the faculty of the Ridgecrest Music Week for three summers.

Doctor Almand, a native of Louisiana, is prominent as a composer as well as a teacher. His orchestral compositions have been performed by the Rochester Civic Orchestra, the New Orleans Symphony, National Composers' Clinic, the Louisiana State University Symphony, and the Peabody College Orchestra. His "Piano Sonata" won first place in the Louisiana State Federation of Music Clubs Composition Contest in 1939, and third place in the national competition the following year. His sonata and his symphony, "The Waste Land," won honorable mention in the Prix de Rome Competition, in 1940, and both were chosen for performance by the National Composers' Clinic this year.

Doctor Almand is a graduate of Louisiana College. He has the master of music degree from Louisiana State University, and the Ph.D. degree from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic society; Kappa Phi Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa, and Kappa Delta Pi, national education fraternities; and Phi Mu Alpha, national music fraternity.

ance of her spiritual vision and the thrill of her living faith.

Only four of the eleven sons and daughters of the famous Lowrey family of Blue Mountain now remain: Mrs. Maggie Lowrey Anderson, Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. Sallie Lowrey Potter, Clinton; Dr. B. G. Lowrey, Olive Branch, and J. J. Lowrey, Memphis. Five of these eminent brothers and sisters have died in the past two and a half years; but the influence of this noble family will live till the end of time.—David E. Guyton.

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THE PROBLEM OF SIZE AMONG BAPTISTS

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science. He is not missed when absent. His illness and problems do not missed when absent. His illness and problems do not come to the attention of the leadership of the church. Irregularities of conduct are not exposed to the best life of the church. Therefore, the restraint of church sentiment is rather weak.

3. The Problem Inherent in the Deception of Numbers.

A church with a great membership receives large numbers into its fellowship each Sunday, and has a fairly big congregation, particularly on Sunday morning, overlooking the fact that the attendance is very little larger than it was when there was about half the present membership. This is true of Sunday school, Training Union, and the number of baptisms.

4. Size Increases the Difficulties of Efficiency.

The small college has made a superior record on an average, due to the possibility of closer personal contact and supervision, when compared to big schools.

I took twelve large churches among Southern Baptists, and compared their membership and enrollment last year. They had had a total increase in membership of 11,901 and an increase of 3,652 in Sunday school enrollment. The record of average attendance is still more alarming. These churches seemed to have reached a saturation point in enlistment several years ago. There was a point where some of these churches had in Sunday school enrollment approximately their total membership, and in a rare case or two they surpassed it. That encouraging factor has long since disappeared among that group.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge, in a recent study of church efficiency, found that one pastor unaided reaches the limit of his maximum efficiency at a membership of 648. Every 700 members added calls for another good staff worker. Above 3,300, the percent of unenlisted and undeveloped goes up in spite of the workers added.

Some Observations

1. Other denominations are capitalizing on unenlisted Baptists. The larger and more established denominations are not working aggressively to get our members, but they are receiving many through intermarriage. The Catholics are shrewdly proselyting among them. The holiness groups are making more headway than any. Unenlisted Baptists and Methodists provide them with their best material. They are now setting the pace in growth.

2. Some of the rich and cultured are deliberately going to more formal, more ritualistic, and more aristocratic denominations. They claim that they are repelled by our informal irreverent, and rather crude type of services. They insist that they want a more aesthetic form of worship.

3. On the other hand, there is a group going to the more emotional and informal cults. Their contention is that we are becoming too formal and too stilted. Our beautiful and expensive churches keep them from feeling at ease and at home, they claim.

4. The majority of them are going to no other Christian group. They are being captured by the devil. Many of them are a reproach to the

Dr. Zeno Wall, former Mississippi pastor and now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C., writes in part as follows: "Last night we had nearly 700 in prayer meeting and seven additions, all by baptism. During my ministry of nearly forty years I have been in hundreds of prayer meetings but this was the most largely attended and most meaningful I have ever seen. With the President of the United States leading the nation in prayer and the King of England calling all of his people to prayer and general and admirals and enlisted men praying, the Lord of host will be with us and bring this terrible conflict to a speedy end."

cause of Christ. They are being absorbed by a very bad form of modern paganism.

Some Suggestions

1. We Must Develop a New Strategy or Be Defeated by Numbers.

As churches and as a denomination we must do something with this vast throng entrusted to us. Our present technique and strategy will not meet the problem. The sooner we face the facts, the better for us and the unenlisted.

2. We Must Have a Larger Number of Full-time Workers in Our Churches and Denomination.

We are woefully undermanned. If properly trained, they will not hurt but will help the volunteer spirit in our churches. They will not sap the finances, but will tap new sources of income on every side. Some churches have added from two to three thousand members and have added no new enlistment workers.

3. Churches Large Enough Should Be Alert to Start Missions.

This will reach new areas in the city and community. They will serve many of their own members in most instances. This will reduce the number of fly-by-night emotional cults. It will make impossible many of these mushroom tabernacles. It will serve many who do not feel at home in the larger, more expensive church buildings.

4. We Need Variety in Our Church Types.

We must have dignified, stately structures in which we have beautiful, highly reverent services. However, both the building and the form of service can be overdone. The Baptist spirit, genius, and simplicity will not fit into one of the established, ritualistic schemes of worship. There should be churches and missions where anyone would feel at home who wants to worship the Lord.

Jesus gave as one of the credentials of His messiahship and divine commission, "The poor have the gospel preached unto them." It should be kept in mind that our rural churches are still our main source of supply for the city churches and the denomination. Country churches of around one hundred members outdistance all of our city churches in soul-winning on a percentage basis. Our loss in the country should be stopped at once. Yet we are losing more Baptists from our larger city churches than anywhere else—due to our lack of enlistment. May the Lord arouse us!

I believe we face our greatest day. If we will be true to our principles and develop a technique that will make our numbers count, then our greatest witness will result.

BAPTISTS AND POST-WAR PEACE

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seeking to separate itself from the rest of the world—its needs, its problems or its life. We are inevitably members one of another.

2. Believing that God has created all men free and equal and has given to them certain inalienable rights which must ever be respected; we assert the right of all nations, both great and small, to self-government, and the obligation of the strong to protect the weak, whether small nations, racial minorities, or underprivileged peoples, in the exercise of their God-given freedom.

3. In order to guarantee security for all nations against aggression, invasion, or attempted domination by any other nation, we believe an international organization should be set up which by economic sanctions, or if necessary by police power, shall restrain any such attempt.

4. Believing in the worth of every individual, we deplore race prejudices and hatreds as undermining the respect to which every individual is entitled, and as destroying the spirit of good will, which must be the foundation of enduring peace. This is true whether we consider racial tensions in our nation or in international relationships.

5. Many nations are retarded in their development because of poverty and lack of economic opportunity. The erection of tariff barriers for the protection and enrichment of stronger nations may be as serious a hurt to weaker nations as military invasion.

6. Every principle of Christianity and democracy demands the right of every individual to freedom of worship and the right to follow the dictates of his own conscience in respect to religion. The historic position of Baptists requires that we shall in all ways and at all times be apostles of absolute religious liberty for all mankind. This includes both the right to worship and also the right to evangelize and teach. Religious liberty is an inherent right and is not a privilege granted by governments. We must continue to insist that either toleration or restricted freedom of worship is a denial of this right. We earnestly contend that no peace terms will be adequate which either deny or obscure the principle of true religious liberty.

We further recommend—

1. That a committee of nine, as widely representative as possible, shall be appointed by this convention to carry this statement of principles to our people through every channel of denominational information and life, and by any such additional promotion and publicity as their judgment shall dictate.

2. That groups shall be organized in all our churches to study and to propagate these principles in order to create an active public opinion in support of them.

3. That we urge upon our people that in public worship and in private devotions they earnestly pray that God may guide the nations of the world into a righteous and enduring peace.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. DAWSON,
RYLAND KNIGHT,
MERRILL D. MOORE.

Answers To

Know Your Bible

Feature on page 12.

1. (Wedding ring's origin): According to Swinburne, in Genesis, chapter 24, indicates that Rebecca (on marrying Isaac), was the first woman to receive a wedding ring. This symbol gave her power to control his property, as similar to our present ceremony. "With all my worldly goods I thee endow."

2. (Guests eat in reclining position): This custom was established many years before Christ, and was originated by the King Menes, first ruler of Egypt, in the year 3643 B. C.

3. (Death of two disciples mentioned in Bible): Only James the Greater, and Judas are named in the Bible. Herod killed James with a sword to vex the church, and John, the brother of James. Judas (as we all know) went out and hanged himself.

4. (New Testament analysis): 1. Acts of the Apostles, history of the apostolic church. 2. Epistles, a continuation of the history of the apostolic church. 3. Pauline Epistles, include Romans, First Corinthians, Second Corinthians and Galatians. (New Testament books continued next week.)

SUGGESTS ITEM NUMBER SEVENTEEN

Dear Mr. Goodrich:

I have been very much interested in the sixteen items on page four of The Baptist Record, "A Worthy and Challenging Goal for Mississippi Baptists." There is one more challenging item I would like to see listed—a chaplain for patients at Sanatorium.

My brother entered there as a patient last June and I spent one day, usually Sunday, every two weeks with him until he was dismissed in April of this year. Because I was particularly interested in this, I investigated and found that more of the patients are Baptist than any other denomination. The Methodist Board keeps a chaplain there but there is a need for another one. When I asked some of the Methodist ministers about how this chaplain is supported, they told me that he is supported by their Home Mission Board. A Catholic priest ministers to those of his faith.

Several of the patients expressed a desire to be able to talk with a Baptist minister before undergoing major operations.—Ruby Rose, Gulfport, Miss.

—BR—

A PITIFUL CASE

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

She is a maiden woman, 66 years old. She and her brother who is almost blind live together. She has been a patient in Southern Baptist Hospital many weeks, and attending doctors say she will never be able to get up—cancer. They have no money and no one to look to for help. They are Baptists and she came to this Hospital for treatment.

This Hospital was established as an agency to help the poor, and as a missionary agency. We feel we are fulfilling our mission. However, the Convention voted to discontinue an allocation of cooperative funds to the Hospital; and anyone desiring to aid such poor sufferers as this woman should make a direct contribution for the purpose. She is only one of many.

A STEWARDSHIP PARABLE

Matt. 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27
Robert W. Martin

Behold, the Lord went into a far country to receive a kingdom and He called together his disciples and gave them a great mission, saying: "Make disciples of all the nations. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all material needs will be supplied. Honor the spirit of the law by using at least one-tenth of your income in an effort to carry out thy mission in preaching the gospel to every creature. I came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it. The tithe is mine. Trade ye herewith till I come. Be faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." And the Lord departed.

However, many of His disciples were indifferent to the desires of their Master and straightway forgot the commands which He had given. Others became enthusiastically engaged in the Lord's business but because He delayed His coming they wearied and their efforts became half-hearted and finally ceased. Some did not believe that He would return and used their blessings and the Lord's money in an effort to improve the kingdom of man rather than build the kingdom of God. Others who doubted spent their money selfishly without a thought about God or man. Still others, the truest believers, labored faithfully using one-tenth and more of their income in an effort to bring men to repentance through the preaching of the gospel, for they loved people and desired their salvation. Furthermore they loved the Lord and longed for His return.

After many years the Lord returned and called His disciples together and demanded an account of their stewardship.

One came before Him and said: "Lord, I have used the tithe as Thou didst command and it has been multiplied a thousand-fold. Because of it Thy kingdom in my community has grown and has supported the preaching of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Many missionaries have been sent and multitudes have passed from death unto life. . . ."

Then the Lord said unto him: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful in a little matter, I will give thee a place of great responsibility. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Charity Not to Stay at Home

Another came and said: "Lord, I have honored the tithe and used it in Thy work. But the needs were so great in my community that I used it all for our local work and encouraged others to do so. We built a magnificent church and made it an ideal place for worship. We sent no missionaries, but a good many people were saved in our town and a few became tithers."

Then the Lord said unto that servant, "Though charity begins at home, it does not end there. I commanded that beginning at home the gospel was to be preached unto the ends of the earth. Howbeit thou hast been faithful to a small degree. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

A third came saying: "Lord, I remembered Thy commands and sought to obey them. A portion of my income I gave each month to the support of Thy work. But the demands

of our times are so numerous and great that I could not see how I could give the whole tithe. Things are so expensive and there are so many appeals."

The Lord answered: "O thou of little faith! Believest thou not in the love and power of God? He who is able to clothe the lily with such beauty and note the fall of every sparrow can surely care for those who are faithful to Him. If human fathers who are sinful seek to do good for their children, how much more will the heavenly Father give good things to them that ask Him. Your lack of faith has deprived you of much joy and reward."

A fourth servant came and said: "Lord, I despaired of Thy coming and of the realization of the kingdom of God. There were many needy people around me so I used Thy tenth to feed, clothe and minister to them, to build parks and places for wholesome recreation. . . ."

Blinded By Temporal

But the Lord said: "Thou art an unfaithful servant. Thine eyes, centered on the temporal, have been blinded to the eternal. Thou hast put secondary things first. The things which you have done should have been done, but the weightier matters of spiritual service should not have been left undone. Did you feel no personal responsibility for the use of a part of YOUR nine-tenths in these humanitarian matters? Did you realize that by using the tithe for such matters you were keeping from people the Bread of Life, the Water of Life, the Light of the World, a heavenly mansion, the Paradise of God? 'What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' You have proven yourself unworthy of trust. I cannot use you in the responsible positions. For the praise of man rather than God you have labored. You have your reward."

At the last another servant came saying, "Lord, I knew that the whole earth is thine and the fulness thereof. Thou didst not say much concerning the tithe when here and since we are under grace, I saw no need in setting aside a tithe. I went to church, prayed in public, and took an active part in church matters, but there were so many things that I needed and wanted that I had little left to give to the church and missions."

And the Lord replied: "Thou hypocrite! Thou honorest me with thy lips but thy heart is far from me. Rememberest thou not my word, 'where thy treasure is there will thy heart be also'? The place of thy treasure has indicated thy heart's devotion. Thou art devoted to thyself. Thou hast spent all on thyself. Thy church activities are in the spirit of self-righteousness. Why sayest, 'Lord, Lord,'—and do not the things I have commanded you? Depart from me, thou worker of iniquity, I will not have thee, I never knew thee."

"It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." I Cor. 4:2.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickens of New Orleans have made a gift of \$50 to the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans as a memorial to their son, Sergeant Rowe W. Dickens, who was killed in the battle of Tarawa, in the Pacific.

JOHN B. CAUSEY

Whereas our Heavenly Father has, in His divine providence and infinite wisdom, on May 16, 1944 took from us our beloved brother and co-worker, Mr. J. B. Causey, and whereas in the going of Brother Causey we have lost a loyal and devoted member of the Mossville Baptist Church, his wife has lost a good and faithful husband and companion, his children have lost a loving and devoted father, and the community at large has lost a good friend and neighbor—

Be It Therefore Resolved: That we, members of the Mossville Baptist Church, do deeply deplore the death of Brother Causey and that we express our love and sympathy to his wife, children and other near relatives and friends in their loss and bereavement. We bow in humble submission to the all-wise providence of God.

Brother Causey was ever ready to serve his Heavenly Father and glorify Him in the church. It may be truly said of him, that he did what he could. Like Paul, he fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith. The Righteous Judge will reward him on that day.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of the resolutions be spread upon our church records, and a copy be sent to The Baptist Record for publication.

Committee:

Signed: Mrs. Clifton Jones,
Mrs. S. Mauldin,
Juanita Kelly.

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SOLDIER RELIGION A CHALLENGE TO CHURCHES, CHAPLAIN SAYS

The religious experiences of American fighting men will be a postwar challenge to organized churches, it was declared today by Chaplain (Captain) Joseph T. Walker, of Minneapolis, a former 34th Infantry Division chaplain who has returned to the United States on sick leave from Italy.

"Battle, and the crises through which these men pass," he said, "strip religion of all non-essentials. It leaves only the basic, eternal truths of man's relations to his God, and God's relation to His people."

"Many of our men have come face to face with God for the first time. They feel deeply the need for spiritual instruction. That need will persist even after the crises which precipitated them have passed, for they will not let it die. They want the kind of religion that will refresh them, that will sustain them in their daily duties just as it is sustaining them today in the gunpits and fox-holes."

"The chaplains found in Tunisia the kind of religion the men wanted," Chaplain Walker said. "We held services moving from slit trench to slit trench. There was not much time for non-essentials there."

"The most thrilling sermon I have preached in my life was in the dead of night when I spoke to the men of a gun battery, while Jerry lighted up the scene with intermittent shell fire."

The Italian campaign was a brutal one for the chaplains. The division was in line for 68 days, and during that time the division chaplains got little more than two or three hours' sleep at a time. Chaplain Walker held 43 services between Saturday and Monday after the division took Trocchio. He had been transferred to an infantry battalion by that time.

"The infantry is a chaplain's paradise," he declared. "You can be with the men at all times."

PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTING THE BIBLE IN WAR TIME IS HUGE TASK

So great has been the call for the Scriptures during the last year, from both the civilian and the military, that, notwithstanding, a record publication in this country in 1943, the American Bible Society found at the end of the year that the stock of many of its books was down to the lowest quantities in over a generation.

On top of the large demand for the Scriptures in the United States and the tremendous demand for Scriptures for the armed forces, the Society was called on to supply Scriptures for prisoners of war and internees in the United States; for the Allies of the United Nations and for the war-torn areas of the world. An appeal to the War Production Board for relief from the provisions of its paper limitation order resulted in additional stock, specially designed for Norwegian Bibles and Testaments to fill an order received from the Norwegian government-in-exile for Scriptures chiefly for war prisoners in this country.

Bibles Saved in China

From the occupied area of China occasional letters and repatriated missionaries have brought word that the China committee which took over after Pearl Harbor has been carrying on. In Hankow, the stock of Scriptures was separated and located in several private homes and other places, so that it escaped the confiscation and destruction that came to other supplies of Christian literature. The closing of the Burma Road to Free China blocked off an important avenue by which the Society had been supplying the Scriptures to the interior. Five tons of books were brought up the road ahead of the invading Japanese and these staved off a Scripture famine for many months.

In two areas, Thailand and the Philippines, it is believed that the work has stopped completely. Nor has the Society received any information concerning its work in Bulgaria and Greece, but circulation of the Scriptures to a limited extent is still going on in countries of the Near East.

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OVERSEAS EXPERIENCES RELATED

In a letter to the editor, J. L. Jenkins writes from overseas as follows:

"I got my first Baptist Records overseas yesterday and was happy indeed to get them. I got two at once, so I had a lot a good reading to do last night. I sure wish it were possible to tell you just what it means to a soldier to get The Baptist Record over here. I certainly did appreciate it. I went to church here in England a few Sunday nights ago and found a good Baptist preacher who is trying to tell the people how to live and worship. It was good to go to the house of the Lord and worship. We have a very fine chaplain and he brings great messages several times a week but still one loves to go to the House of God. Since my work is for the chaplain I can't get off on Sunday to church in town. I like my work fine. It is great to see the men come apart from the duties of war for a while to worship Him. We had Good Friday service last night and it was great. You could not have found more reverence in one of the largest churches in the state than we had here with the noise and confusion in this small room that we use for a chapel."